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Cohasset Harbor dredging sunk

By Erin Dale
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Cohasset's harbor dredging project has now been delayed indefinitely because it is no longer considered an emergency, said Town Manager Chris Senior.

After learning in October that the planned dredging was delayed because no contractors bid on the project, the Selectmen voted to send a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers to ask for emergency assistance before the harbor channel

closes in completely.

The federally funded project was proposed by the Army Corps for emergency dredging of an 11.25-acre area damaged by Hurricane Sandy, including the Cohasset Harbor entrance channel and the entrance to

Bailey Creek. Sand removed from the project was going to be added to Sandy Beach.

In an Oct. 1 memo to Town Manager Chris Senior, the Corps - which oversees federal navigation projects - explained that no bids were received during

the 34 days the Cohasset project was posted on the government website, because contractors were booked for other work.

After discussions with Harbormaster Lorri

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Holiday happening



Members of the Cohasset-based Blanchard family, 6-year-old Robert, 4-year-old Matthew, and 8-year-old Elizabeth meet with Santa at Second Congregational Church during the Cohasset Village Fair, held Saturday, Dec. 6. For more photos, see page A4 and visit: wickedlocalcohasset.com. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO BY K.A. MACDONALD

BEECHWOOD CHURCH

Packaging 16,000 meals for Liberia

Peace Corps volunteer coordinates effort

By Erin Dale
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In between holiday feasts, members of the Beechwood Congregational Church and Cohasset community came together to send meals to less fortunate folks in Africa.

Peace Corps volunteer and Cohasset resident Torey Hart, who recently returned from Liberia due to the ebola crisis, partnered with Outreach, Inc. and End Hunger New England to host a meal-packaging event at Beechwood on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

The goal was to raise \$2500 to pay for 10,000 meals - for just 25 cents per meal, families in Liberia would receive beans and rice, which Hart explained is the staple food for many Liberians. Most meals consist of a "bed of rice with a hot pepper stew poured over it," Hart told the Mariner

last month, made from peppers the families grow and "essentially whatever they have for meat."

The Ebola epidemic is more than a health crisis, Hart said, but has also led to a widespread food shortage.

"Not many people tending their crops and they can't afford to buy food," said Hart.

Back in the states, awaiting her next Peace Corps assignment in Malawi, Hart decided to take action and ask for volunteers to help her package meals. The Beechwood congregation stepped in to help facilitate the event.

Volunteers arrived at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22 to unload boxes of supplies, and worked from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. scooping beans and rice into individual packets to send overseas.

Beechwood Pastor



Volunteers at Beechwood Congregational package meals to be shipped to Liberia, combating the food crisis caused by the Ebola outbreak. COURTESY PHOTO

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NEWS

Parking probed

Agency shares survey results

By Erin Dale
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The results are in from a parking survey in downtown Cohasset.

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) has conducted parking studies in several Metro Boston communities, including Cohasset. The MAPC is the regional planning agency for the 101 cities and towns of Metro Boston, focusing on land use, transportation, housing, health, economic development, and energy.

Jessica Roberts of the MAPC attended the Tuesday, Dec. 9 selectmen's meeting to share the survey results and recommendations for the town to help improve parking problems.

As part of the study, residents were asked to participate in a survey about parking in town, which was completed in July. Roberts said Tuesday that around 500 people responded.

Chief complaints include confusing signage, inconsistent parking restrictions that are difficult to enforce, lack of availability of short-term parking in the public parking lot, insufficient employee parking, and not enough parking for seasonal events and functions including weddings. There is also concern over better and safer pedestrian access to the public lot.

The MAPC collected data over the course of the summer and fall, which will be shared in a final report with the selectmen and the town's parking committee. Among other things, the report will show peak parking times and parking capacities in the village. Roberts said that the goal is to have around 80 percent capacity, which amounts to one or more spaces open per block.

Even during peak times, Cohasset has around 60 percent capacity in the main village center, so more spaces could be utilized, Roberts explained.

One area that is underutilized is the "overflow"

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POLICE BEAT

Stolen Social Security number leads to ID theft

By Mary Ford
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ID theft

A 28-year-old Cohasset man reported to police on Friday (Dec. 5) that he was the victim of identity theft. He became aware of the situation when trying to get a loan and discovered his credit score was low. Investigation revealed that someone had used his Social Security number to open an account with Direct TV in Quincy in 2010 and was not paying the bills, owing some \$1100 in Direct TV services. The victim does not have a Direct TV account.

His medical provider notified him about a year ago that their accounts had been hacked and it was possible that his personal information had been compromised. He believes his Social Security number may have been

stolen then, police said.

MVA

No one was injured in a car accident at Pond Street and Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A) last Tuesday (Dec. 2) after a Weymouth woman failed to stop at the red light, police said.

At 7:23 a.m., police responded to the accident after a 2005 Toyota RAV4, operated by a 74-year-old Weymouth woman, who was headed south on 3A went through the light colliding with a 2013 pickup truck that was traveling from the west side of Pond Street across the intersection. The pickup was operated by a 38-year-old Cohasset man whose 13-year-old daughter and 11-year-old son were passengers.

Neither vehicle had to be towed and the Weymouth woman was issued

a citation for a red light violation, police said.

Stolen wallet

Detectives are investigating the report of a stolen wallet from the girls locker room at the middle-high school that was reported on Tuesday morning (Dec. 3).

Car entered

Police received another report of a car being entered making the total during the recent rash of break-ins to 47 cars.

In this case a 58-year-old Reservoir Road man reported his 2004 VW Jetta had been broken into.

MVA

There was a rear-end collision on that tricky stretch of King Street (Route 3A) by Marylou's

News on Tuesday (Dec. 3) around 4:40 p.m.

Police said a 2009 Ford Fusion, operated by a 60-year-old Hingham man was headed north when the 2004 Honda Pilot in front of him stopped to turn left into the strip mall at 135 King St. He was not paying close attention and drove into the rear of the Pilot that was operated by a 25-year-old Scituate woman.

The Fusion was towed with heavy front-end damage. The Hingham man was cited for following too closely on a state highway. There were no reported injuries, police said.

Parking issue

A frantic bank customer notified police on Wednesday morning (Dec. 4) that his car was blocked into a parking space on S. Main Street by a 2013 Ford pickup truck. The truck

was operated by a 39-year-old Quincy man. The end of the truck blocked part of the next space trapping the caller's car. The Quincy man was issued a parking ticket. Police suspect he make an illegal U-turn into the angled space thus not entering the space within proper lines. However, they did not witness the U-turn.

Out of gas

Reports of a disabled 1999 Ford Taurus in a bad spot by the entrance to Shaw's Plaza was resolved when the father of a Shaw's employee arrived and brought gasoline. Police cancelled the tow truck. The incident occurred at 4:48 p.m. on Wednesday (Dec. 3).

Stolen iPhone

A tracking app on an iPhone belonging to a staffer at the middle-high

school led police to the location of the smart phone on Friday afternoon (Dec. 5).

The app tracked the iPhone to a school bus that had left Cohasset and was headed to the city. Milton police stopped the bus and a Cohasset officer went to the scene. The stolen iPhone was found on the floor of the bus. The matter is under investigation and police have not yet determined who stole the iPhone.

Hit and run

A 40-year-old Cohasset woman reported to police that her 2012 Toyota SUV had been struck while parked on a street off Brewster Road while she attended a neighborhood gathering on Saturday (Dec. 7) around 3 p.m. There was damage to the left side of the vehicle.

BRIEFLY

Staff changes at Town Hall

There have been some personnel changes in Town Hall this month.

Board of Health Agent Felix Zemel recently resigned his position. The town has retained Jennifer Sullivan of Braintree as interim health agent, until someone new is hired. Sullivan served

Scituate in the same roll for 27 years her retirement earlier this year.

In other staff news, Rob Bonnell, the Chief Technology Officer for the town and schools, plans to leave his position on or before the end of his employment contract next year.

Town Manager Chris Senior said that he is working with Superintendent Barbara Cataldo on a succession plan for technology officer.

Look for more on this issue in an upcoming edition of the Mariner.

NORFOLK COUNTY

Mixed bag in real estate

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell reported a mixed bag when it came to real estate activity in the county for November 2014.

O'Donnell noted "November 2014 saw reduced real estate transactional activities such as deeds recording; however it was balanced off by a small but encouraging growth in mortgage financing."

Additionally, the total volume of commercial and residential real estate prices showed dramatic increases in November 2014 compared to November 2013. However, these numbers, stated O'Donnell, were skewed due to the impact of a one-time sale of the Fore River Energy Center in Weymouth for \$265 million.

O'Donnell also reported that the total number of deeds recorded declined in November 2014 by 11 percent compared to November of last year. In that month, only 1,208 deeds were recorded in contrast to 1,352 during same period of time in 2013. The numbers reflected a continuing off-setting pattern of modest gains and decreases throughout the 2014 calendar year.

One bright spot in the

registry's monthly numbers was the 4 percent increase in mortgage activity after several months of steady decline. A total of 2,099 mortgages were recorded in November of this year compared to 2,013 mortgages during the same period last year. Mortgage indebtedness also saw a healthy 23 percent increase in year over year numbers, demonstrating a rise in real estate borrowing.

However, homestead recordings in November 2014 decreased by 7 percent year over year. A total of 843 Homesteads were recorded this November, compared to 907 in November 2013. Information regarding the Homestead Act, which provides limited protection against the forced sale of an individual's primary residence to satisfy unsecured debt up to \$500,000, can be found on the Registry's at www.norfolkdeeds.org.

"The total number of deeds foreclosure recording were slightly up in November 2014 to 15 as compared to 13 recordings during the same period in 2013. The Registry continues to work with its partners South Shore Consortium and Neighbor Works Southern Mass to help Norfolk

County homeowners who have received a Notice of Foreclosure from a lender," noted O'Donnell.

O'Donnell concluded, "While I am surprised at the reduction in commercial and residential sales, I am nevertheless somewhat cautiously optimistic that an improving economy spurred by reduced energy prices will create a more inviting real estate market for buyers. It is encouraging to see an uptick in first mortgages and mortgage refinancing."

To learn more about these and other Registry of Deeds events and initiatives, like us at facebook.com/NorfolkDeeds or follow us on twitter. com/NorfolkDeeds.

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, located at 649 High St., Dedham is the principal office for real property in Norfolk County. The Registry is a resource for homeowners, title examiners, mortgage lenders, municipalities and others with a need for secure, accurate, accessible land record information. Residents in need of assistance can contact the Registry of Deeds Customer Service Department via telephone at 781-461-6101, or at www.norfolkdeeds.org.

NEWS

Tax values remain stable

Selectmen adopt uniform rate

By Erin Dale
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The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously (5-0) to adopt a uniform tax rate versus a split one for all property classes during the tax classification hearing on Tuesday, Dec. 9.

A split tax rate would shift the tax burden between residential and commercial properties. According to the Board of Assessors, a split rate should not be considered unless the combined valuation of commercial, industrial and personal property equals 25 percent of the total taxable valuation of the town.

Cohasset adopts a uniform rate each year, Town Assessor Mary Quill said Tuesday. "We've always had a uniform rate, historically."

A split rate between residential and commercial properties could "discourage businesses from locating in a community," according to the assessor, since the rate would be so much higher for them.

"It drives the businesses away," Quill aid of a split

rate.

"There's just not a large percentage of commercial property" in Cohasset, selectman Martha Gjestehy noted.

Selectman Karen Quigley said that she did not want to give commercial property owners any added burdens. "Our merchants already have enough trouble succeeding here... We would like to have thriving business area."

Residential property makes up approximately 93 percent of the town's total property, while commercial property only accounts for just over 6 percent. Only 0.4 percent is industrial property while 0.9 percent is personal property.

And in order for residential property owners to get a reduction, the burden would fall on the commercial property owners, an estimated tax rate of \$19.01. "In order for one to benefit, the other one has to pay," said Quill.

The town's total property value is assessed at over \$2.6 billion. Only 7.64 percent of this valuation is commercial, industrial and personal, meaning that nearly 93 percent of the tax burden lies with residential

property owners. There are 3421 total parcels in town, with 3003 residential and 418 commercial/industrial/personal properties.

The fiscal year 2015 tax rate is anticipated to be \$12.72, up from \$12.54 in FY14. The tax classification hearing will remain open until the next selectmen's meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 16, as growth has yet to be certified by the state Department of Revenue.

Quill said that the town has had its tax values certified and has moved forward with the recap. Cohasset's FY13 levy limit is \$29.9 million. Factoring in Prop. 2-½, plus the estimated growth of over \$651,347, along with nearly \$2 million in debt exclusions, the levy limit is estimated to be approximately \$33.2 million.

The levy limit is around \$15,000 less than was anticipated, said Quill. "We didn't go to the max."

The new tax rate will be reflected in the third quarter bills. Homeowners can calculate their monthly property taxes by taking the assessed property value, dividing it by \$1,000 and multiplying that by the tax rate.

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Friday	12	2:57	8.3	3:07	8.6	8:51	1.2	9:19	0.7	7:02	4:11
Saturday	13	3:43	8.2	3:56	8.3	9:40	1.4	10:07	0.9	7:03	4:11
Sunday	14	4:32	8.1	4:48	8.0	10:32	1.5	10:56	1.1	7:04	4:11
Monday	15	5:22	8.2	5:43	7.8	11:26	1.5	11:46	1.2	7:04	4:11
Tuesday	16	6:12	8.3	6:37	7.8			12:21	1.3	7:05	4:11
Wednesday	17	7:02	8.6	7:31	7.9	12:38	1.2	1:14	1.0	7:06	4:12
Thursday	18	7:51	8.9	8:23	8.1	1:28	1.1	2:06	0.6	7:06	4:12

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The Rusty Skippers perform at the First Parish Meetinghouse during the Cohasset Village Fair.

Village Fair

Holiday tradition for one and all

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10 year old Cohasset resident Liam Davis puts the finishing touches on gifts he bought for his mom, dad, sister, and his dog that he purchased in the Secret Room at St. Stephen's.



Hanover's Angela Lofgren of the Nativity-Assumption Greek Orthodox Church makes and sells wreaths during the Cohasset Village Fair.



Cohasset artist, 6 year old Ava Coffey, creates a gingerbread man.



Shoppers have a chance to look for the perfect gift at Second Congregational Church during the Cohasset Village Fair on Saturday.



The First Parish ReUsable sale brings out people looking for a bargain.



Hull's Phyllis Barkas serves up delicious Greek treats during the Cohasset Village Fair.



2 year old Tessa White and 6 year old Rose White sign gift tags after shopping in Secret Room during the Cohasset Village Fair.



Delicious treats are available during the Cohasset Village Fair, held Saturday.

FILM

Production co. to donate to town

By Erin Dale
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A production crew that recently filmed scenes in town for an upcoming Disney movie, "The Finest Hours," is making a donation to Cohasset to show appreciation for the town's cooperation during the two-day shoot.

Last week, the Quincy-based company Nor'Easter Productions spent Monday and Tuesday in Cohasset, filming at the Historical Society and along Jerusalem Road. During a relatively balmy week for December, the crew blanketed the filming areas with artificial snow. Vintage cars were also seen around town as Cohasset stood in for a Cape Cod

town in the 1950s.

The film, based on the book of the same title by Casey Sherman and Michael Tougias, will tell the story of a 1952 U.S. Coast Guard rescue mission that was launched off the coast of Cape Cod after a pair of oil tankers broke in half during a nor'easter. The movie is also being shot in other towns along the South Shore, including Duxbury, Marshfield, Norwell, and Quincy before production will move to Chatham.

The film stars actors Chris Pine, Casey Affleck and Eric Bana, along none of the male stars were seen hobnobbing around Cohasset. Actress Holliday Grainger did film scenes in the Historical Society's

Pratt Building, which was turned into the "Cape Cod Telephone Company" for the shoot.

Lynne DeGiacomo, executive director of the Historical Society, said last week that she was "happy to oblige" the film crew. "It was something different for the historical society."

Scott Levine, publicist for Nor'Easter Productions, said, "The production also had a great experience and appreciated the Historical Society's help and enthusiasm."

In a Nov. 14 email to the Town Manager's assistant Jennifer Oram, location scout Jimmy Luc said that he appreciated the board's approving the film crew

coming to town. "They were wonderful and we can't wait to film in Cohasset," Luc said at the time.

"We couldn't make films in Massachusetts without the support of towns like Cohasset, and we would like to donate \$1000 to a conservation trust in Cohasset," Luc added, asking Oram for information on how to make a donation.

Selectman chair Diane Kennedy read Luc's letter during the Tuesday, Dec. board meeting, and said the offer was "very nice," noting that the two-day shoot "went off without a hitch."

Follow reporter Erin Dale on Twitter @ErinDaleMariner.



The film crew hard at work outside the Pratt Building, headquarters of the Cohasset Historical Society. COURTESY PHOTO BY LINDA FECHTER

SATURDAY

'Elf' movie showing at Cohasset High

The Cohasset High School Student Council presents a holiday movie showing of "Elf" on Saturday, Dec. 13 in the CHS auditorium from 2 to 4 p.m.

The event is open to kids

aged 5 to 12. Tickets are \$5 per child. Concessions will be provided for \$1.

Contact Luke Norton or Dan Toomey for questions or concerns at lukenornton7@gmail.com and dantoomey20@gmail.com.

HARBOR

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Gibbons and the town's Director of Project Management Brian Joyce, the Corps agreed to use the dredge Currituck, a vessel that can work in places where the water is very shallow, to deal with the most crucial spots.

However, Senior reported to the selectmen during the Tuesday, Dec. 9 meeting that while the Corps did some sitting in the harbor, and even ran aground in the channel, the Corps has determined that Cohasset dredging is no longer a state of emergency.

Further delaying the dredging is a major safety issue, said selectmen vice-chair Steve Gaumer, which has "effectively closed down the entrance to the harbor."

Selectman Karen Quigley wondered what this would mean for Cohasset's fishermen, who can only get in and out of the channel during high tide.

"Part of the reason we're getting the dredging is because we have a lobster fleet," said Quigley. "This is how the lobstermen make their living."

Quigley shared the story of one lobsterman who missed the tide coming back in and had to be directed to another mooring by Gibbons, and ended up having to leave his boat with Gibbons coming out to get him. "It got too dangerous," said Quigley.

Senior said, however, that the Corps "did not foreclose potential emergency work after or during winter" in the event of a major storm.

The town manager said the Corps will continue to stay in

The town manager said the Corps will continue to stay in contact with the harbor master, and the town should stay in touch with Congressman Stephen Lynch and state officials.

contact with the harbor master, and the town should stay in touch with Congressman Stephen Lynch and state officials. The Corps' latest soundings will be made available to the fishing fleet.

For now, "as disappointing as it is," the town has to wait for its turn, said Senior. "We've done everything we can," he said, adding that the next step is to get the Corps' report and "queue up to be one of the first projects out to bid in the spring."

Senior chalked up Cohasset falling down on the priority list as "one of the down sides" of having a "comparatively smaller channel" compared to other harbors being dredged.

The key thing is to continue to work with the Corps, who hasn't "done what we asked them to do, but they are listening," Senior added. "It's not what any of us wanted, but it's important that we know where they are and stay engaged."

Look for more on this issue in an upcoming edition of the Mariner.

PARKING

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parking lot on Ripley Road, versus the main municipal parking lot along Depot Court that is historically crowded.

Roberts said that one of the things the MAPC was asked to look into was the idea of folks carpooling to the commuter rail and leaving cars in the main town lot overnight; however the parking study didn't seem to notice this activity.

The Town Hall lot is often full, Roberts noted, reaching a peak of 80 percent capacity around 10 a.m. on average. However it seems that mainly town employees are parking there, she said, which is "probably not a huge concern to visitors to town hall."

The MAPC collected data over the course of the summer and fall, which will be shared in a final report with the selectmen and the town's parking committee.

The most common complaint received was that there isn't enough parking available downtown, however Roberts said the situation isn't as dire as people think.

"Business owners and employees have the perception that customers can never find parking that is more than the customers said," Roberts said, adding that 60 percent of those surveyed said that "spaces are full all the time." Roberts believes that business owners think this way because

the only time they hear about parking from their customers, "it's negative comments."

Rather, Roberts said that the biggest parking seems to be signage that is either confusing, with inconsistent time restrictions, or faded lettering that's difficult to read. She shared several examples in a PowerPoint slideshow, with one loading zone sign that indicates no parking on Mondays and Fridays. Roberts suggested changing the wording so that regulations are

clear, and keeping the restrictions consistent throughout the village.

The MAPC recommends a two-hour time limit for most parking spaces downtown, which should give visitors enough time to take a yoga class, have lunch and run errands, Roberts said.

This could help mitigate parking problems in front of the nursery schools downtown, which get congested during drop-off and pick-up times. Roberts suggested working with the daycare organizations to alleviate the issues, perhaps encouraging parents to "take advantage of the areas that do exist around Ripley Road" to park, and try to keep the parking "as organized as possible."

The town could conduct

further traffic analysis to explore "turning the streets around the common into a one-way loop," said Roberts, which would not necessarily "be disruptive to traffic at all" and could allow for more legitimate parking spaces along North Main Street.

Another suggestion was changing the striping of the angled on-street parking spaces in the village to reverse angled parking, which could lead to fewer accidents because drivers would no longer be backing into traffic, Roberts said.

Selectmen vice-chair Steve Gaumer said that he would like the MAPC's report sent to the town's parking committee to keep them in the loop before the final report is issued. "It makes sense to engage them

at this point," Gaumer said.

Selectman Martha Gjestby said the board must also keep the police department involved "because they have to enforce things."

Selectman Karen Quigley asked that the survey results also be shared on the town's website, since 500 people responded and "we have that kind of interest."

What's the next step? Roberts said the MAPC would take the selectmen's feedback into account and compile all of their data into a technical memo with more details. After that, "It's up to you all to pick what you want to implement," said Roberts.

Look for more on this issue in an upcoming edition of the Mariner.

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AROUND TOWN

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Go Blue!

Hello Cohasset, I hope you are starting to dry out a bit by the time you are reading this column, it was a wet and windy week indeed! I want to send out a HUGE congratulations to the CHS Football team in their Super Bowl Win last week. The Skippers team was really hot, that's for sure! Way to play boys!



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Author Talk

Sunday Author Talks at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, welcomes **George Colt**, author of "Brothers" on Sunday, Jan. 4, at 4 p.m. A wine & cheese reception and book signing will follow Mr. Colt's talk. Free admission. Seating is limited. Sunday Author Talks is sponsored by Dean & Hamilton Realtors, The Cook Estate, and A Taste For Wine & Spirits. Call the library for more information at 781-383-1348.

Cookie time!

Girl Scout cookie sales start on Dec. 12. Your Cohasset Girl Scouts will be selling at various locations around Cohasset. On Saturday, Dec. 13, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. scouts will be at But-tonwoods. Saturday, Dec. 14, they will be at Stop & Shop all day; Saturday, Dec. 20 and Sunday, Dec. 21 at Aubuchon Hardware at various times.

If Cohasset customers would like to order cookies for the holiday season they can do so through at cohassetcookies@gmail.com and a Girl Scout with her parent can deliver to their home within the week. They just need to leave their name, address, phone number and quantity needed.

Cookies are \$4 a box. Cookies available are: Thanks-A-Lot, Cranberry Crisps, Lemonades, Shortbread, Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Patties, Carmel deLites, and Peanut Butter Sandwich.

Send your news

That's it for this week Cohasset. Enjoy a wonderful week and send your news to me at aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com.

Just an FYI: We receive dean's list and honors notices from many colleges and private schools, but not all. If your son or daughter has earned recognition, please share that news directly with us!

We also LOVE new baby announcements with photos if possible. Need birth date, weight, length, names of siblings, parents and grandparents. Emailed photos are fine but glossies can be dropped off in our drop box at Tedeschi's in the village

NDA honors

Notre Dame Academy principal Kathleen Colin has announced the names of eight Cohasset students who made honor roll for term one of the 2014-2015.

■ PRESIDENT'S LIST: Ellen Desjourdy.

■ PRINCIPAL'S LIST: Jillian Ahern, Ashley Antico, Carol Demick, Elizabeth Faherty, Meghan Faherty, Camerin Rawson and Emily Ryan.

Belmont Hill

Mark Michalowski, from Cohasset and a senior at Belmont Hill School recently achieved academic honors for the first marking period of the 2014-2015 academic year.

Colby College

Charlie Coffman was featured in the fall 2014 Colby Magazine article "A Winning Community" as a member of the nationally ranked men's cross-country team at Colby College in Waterville, Maine.

Charlie, a economics-mathematics major and member of the Class of 2015, is the son of Denise and Earle Coffman of Cohasset and attended Boston College High School.

New venture

So proud and happy to let you know about this next piece of news. Willow Creative Learning Center, a Reggio Emilia inspired Art Studio, is having an Open House today (Friday, Dec. 12th) and again on Dec. 19th from 12 to 2 p.m. The Reggio Emilia approach originated in Italy and focuses on "whole child" learning and expressing the voice of the child. Willow Creative offers morning and afternoon classes where children will have the opportunity to dive deeply into their

LIFE AT CHS



SUPER FANS: Seventh-grade boys show their support for the Skippers at the Super Bowl! For more on the Skippers' big win see sports. COURTESY PHOTO

Football, colleges, drama!

As this nor'easter finally subsided, over the past week of life at CHS, not only the wind and rain have made a memorable stir. With the success of the football team and drama group as well as other Cohasset academic accomplishments, CHS students are certainly up to the task of showing the community their undeniable skills.

While it is most certainly being covered in the Sports Section, I want to congratulate the 2014 football team for being the first ever Cohasset team to win a Superbowl! On a freezing, rainy Saturday morning, the Cohasset Skippers pulled off a huge victory against the Littleton Tigers. The payback for last year's loss to the Tigers was a welcomed award for the determined Skippers. CHS, in particular, is buzzing with the excitement post-state championship win. With minor injuries on both sides and flags being thrown by the referees every couple plays, it was obvious that that both teams fought hard in the battle for the Division 6 State Title. Also, we commend the cheerleaders for encouraging on the team even throughout the freezing rain. Thanks for



ASHLEY CURRAN

the awesome game in which almost every resident of Cohasset came out to watch at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro. Nice job!

In other Cohasset student success news, the production of "Guys and Dolls" premiered this past weekend welcoming members of the entire community to experience the long hours each performer put in practicing for the play. Playing three nights in a row, the actors and actresses of the show are exhausted after preforming for huge crowds this past weekend. The play as a whole was one to remember as many other students said they found it entertaining and exciting to watch their friends and classmates preform a classic play.

On December 10, a professional development day and student early release, community members were able to show their gratitude for the service of CHS and CMS staff

and teachers with a luncheon in their honor. Deemed Teacher Appreciation Day over the years, donated food and materials from grateful parents provided a lunch to serve the 150-plus members of staff here at Cohasset. Their time and effort in the instruction of Cohasset students cannot be repaid, yet a lunch put on by parents and families is a fantastic start!

As letters of acceptance for those brave seniors who applied early to many of the top colleges in the nation begin to pile up, the wall space surrounding the guidance office is becoming scarce. The talented students that have heard back from universities have begun placing their congratulatory letters in the halls thus demonstrating the array of talent present at CHS. Congratulations to those who have found out already and good luck to everyone waiting to hear from regular decision applications! Hopefully the next few weeks of school before the holidays will bring early presents in the form of collegiate letters in the mail.

Ashley Curran is a senior at Cohasset High School and regular Mariner columnist.

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MARATHON EFFORT

Cohasset man supports Scituate shelter

By Ruth Thompson
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Teg Griffiths is an animal lover.

He supports various wildlife foundations.

He and his wife, Sarah, share their Cohasset home with five cats.

"I love my animals," he said simply.

He even volunteers at the Scituate Animal Shelter, taking care of the cats.

"I'm probably the worst volunteer," he laughed. "I spend my time playing with the cats when I should be working."

In November of 2013, he wanted to do something in support of the Scituate Animal Shelter, so he challenged himself to a 500-mile run to raise awareness and funds for the shelter.

A year later, he finished his challenge and raised \$2,500 from First Giving, a charity website he used for this fundraiser.

Running 500 miles, off and on, was not enough. Griffiths, 54, said he always has to have a challenge.

He decided to run wearing the five-fingered shoes.

"Each toe is separate, like with a glove, and they don't have a lot of cushion between your foot and the ground," he said. "They're like gloves for feet."

He said he often wears them when he goes kayaking.

While his run was not consistent — he said he ran a few days a week, and it

took him a year to complete — it was a test of endurance.

"There were times when I really had to motivate myself to get up and put those shoes on," he said.

Those shoes were also something he said he needed to get used to.

"I really had to learn how to run in them," he said. "It was painful in the beginning. I didn't reckon how difficult it was to run in winter. I felt every pebble, every grain of sand."

Born in Wales, Griffiths moved to the U.S. in 2007. He works as an education consultant, and stressed he is not a runner.

"Proper marathon runners would have finished in three months," he said.

However, he said he has done something similar before. In 2011, after Sarah's mother was diagnosed with cancer, he did a run to benefit the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

"Only I did that in ordinary shoes," he said.

He felt it was time again for a personal challenge and decided on another run, this time to benefit the animal shelter.

"I wanted to do my part for them," he said. "Animals can't raise money for themselves."

There was no regimented training for this run, he said.

In the beginning, he said he was lucky to do nine miles a week.

Eventually he would

average 18 to 20 miles a week.

He said he built up his stamina, and would do extra miles beyond what he set out to do.

But as he pushed himself, there were some injuries along the way — mostly muscle pulls and bruises, and loneliness out there on the roads.

He said he had his "highs and lows" as well.

"Around the 200-mile mark I would get depressed, thinking I still had a long way ahead of me," he said. "But then I'd reach the 250-mile mark and I'd think, 'hooray, I'm at the halfway point' until it hit me how much farther I still had to go."

Griffiths said he wore a Fitbit band to track his miles.

Running a lot at night after work along some narrow curving roads in Cohasset and North Scituate, Griffiths said he had a few "close shaves" with vehicles.

"There are people driving that you can see are not paying attention to the road," he said. "Usually you can hear a car coming, especially at night, before you see it."

There were three or four routes that he said were his favorites.

"You learn a lot about the backstreets doing this," he said. "I learned a lot more about Cohasset running than I would have just driving."

He said people were friendly along his routes.

"It was nice when people would wave or say something supportive," he said.

Sarah and "the boys" — the couple has four grown sons between them — were very supportive.

And those at the animal shelter were thrilled.

"We were honored to have Teg make such a huge commitment in hopes of raising funds for the shelter," said Kim Hallisey, director of operations & volunteer services. "He was running in the summer heat, rain, bitter cold, all to make his goal, and we couldn't be more thankful."

Hallisey said the run itself "was a great idea."

"Drawing people's attention in by running a whopping 500 miles on his own, in what I've heard are not the most comfortable of shoes, and then using that opportunity to teach people about the shelter was something different that we hadn't seen before," she said. "We're always looking for different ways to get our message out there, and Teg did just that."

Griffiths said the run was fun, and that the last mile was "great."

"I remember running up the hill toward the shelter, and it's a difficult hill, and I was thinking I needed to smile and look like enjoying myself because people would be watching," he said.

He credits his parents for raising him in an environment of giving.

"They were very generous



Runner Teg Griffiths gets a hug from Panda, one of the dogs available for adoption at the Scituate Animal Shelter. Griffiths had just completed a 500 mile off/on run to benefit the shelter. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SCITUATE ANIMAL SHELTER

people," he said. "My mother was always the first person there if anyone ever needed any help."

As for his run, he said there "has to be a challenge to do something to make me push myself to be better, so why not doing something that will not only benefit me, but benefit someone else."

To make a donation to Griffith's run, visit his FirstGiving webpage at:

[firstgiving.com/fundraiser/teggriffiths/tegs500milefivefingerchallenge]

The animal shelter event is open through the end of February 2015.

For more information on the Scituate Animal Shelter visit scituateanimalshelter.org

Follow reporter Ruth Thompson on Twitter at @scituateruth

SAVE THE DATE

PJ Hanukkah Party at Our World

Celebrate the joy of Hanukkah with other local families at Our World Global Discovery Museum, 100 Sohler St., in Cohasset from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21.

Participants will sing songs, dance, light the menorah, do holiday crafts, and taste delicious Hanukkah snacks.

Geared for families with children under the age of 6 years.

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SATURDAY

Town's first Festival of Lights

Cohasset's first "Festival of Lights" tree lighting and luminary walk is tomorrow, Saturday, Dec. 13 from 4 to 7:30 p.m.

The village streets will be lined with candles, from South Main to Depot Court, Elm Street and Ripley Road.

The festivities start with the Carillon at St. Stephen's and a tree lighting on the town common with special guest Santa Claus. The Grinch will be nearby at Atlantic Brokerage.

Village merchants will have activities and special events for the whole family.

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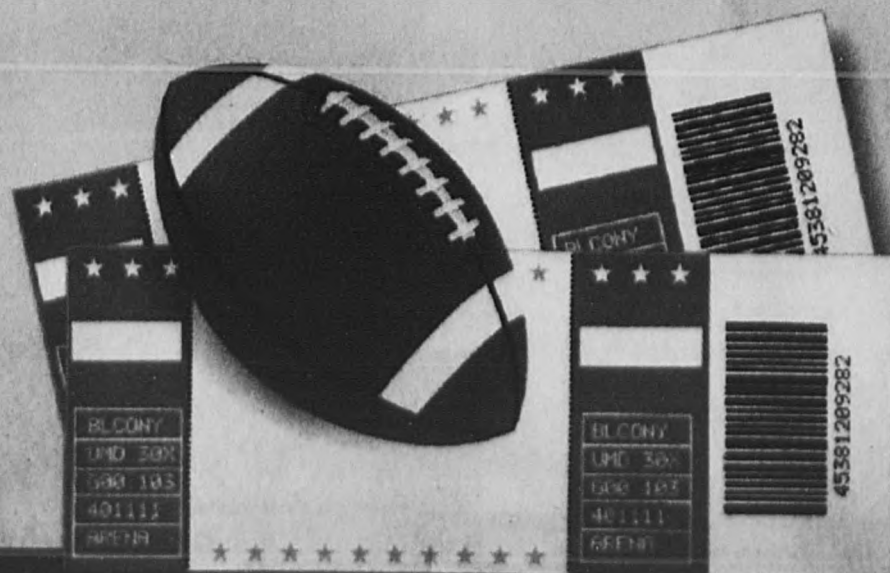
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THIS WEEKEND

Cohasset ballerinas to light up the stage

While visions of sugar-plums begin dancing their way through the hearts of audience members across the country, Cohasset residents can find a holiday treat in their own backyard with South Shore Ballet Theatre (SSBT)'s spectacular new production of "The Nutcracker."

As the curtain ascends December 13th at Derby Academy in Hingham, more than 75 dancers will bring to life the story of Clara, a young girl swept up in a battle with a mouse king and transported to the magical Land of Sweets. Set to Tchaikovsky's beloved score, the ballet includes performances by the Sugar Plum Fairy, the mysterious Drosselmeyer, and a dazzling array of dancing peppermints, chocolates, and marzipan.

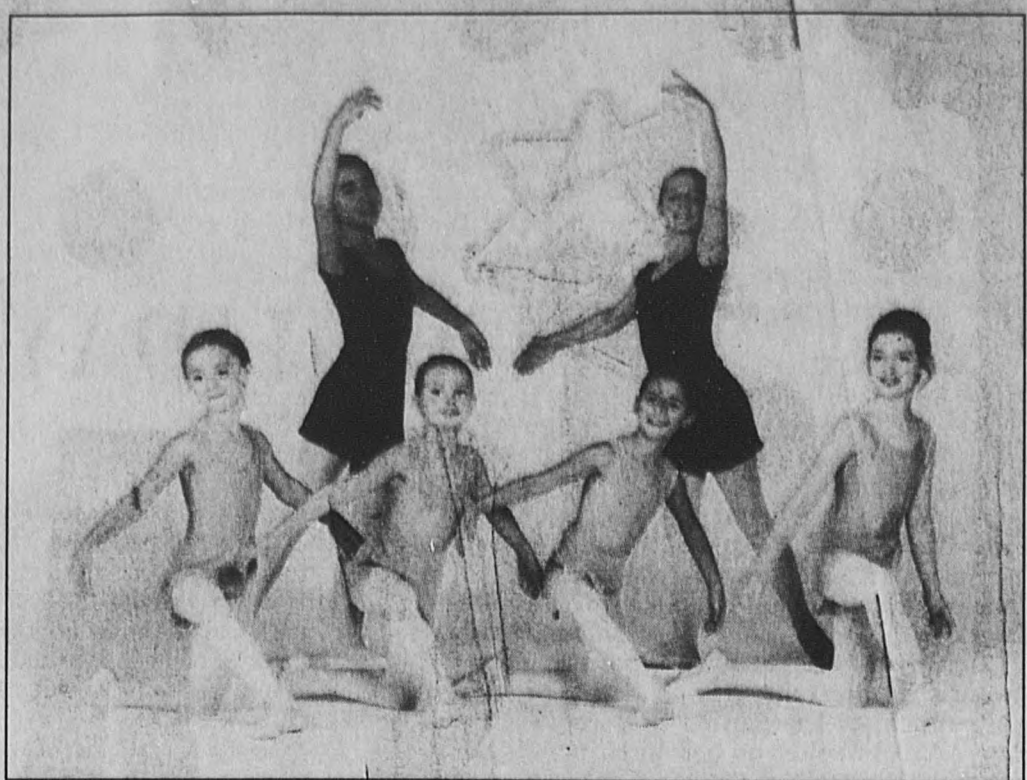
This year, South Shore Ballet Theatre will reimagine their full-scale production with classic choreography, professional dancers, and local ballet students. "From the sets, to the costumes, to the staging, this year's 'Nutcracker' will be on a fantastic scale, bringing some of the iconic moments of professional ballet companies' shows straight to the South Shore," says Marthavan McKeon,

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Marthavan McKeon, Founder and Artistic Director of SSBT

Founder and Artistic Director of SSBT, an American Ballet Theatre National Curriculum-certified school.

McKeon, a twenty-five-year veteran ballet instructor (including ten years with the Boston Ballet School) is a former soloist with the Atlanta Ballet. McKeon's passion for both outreach and professional ballet training create an interesting dynamic for the school, which many have realized as a natural successor to the now-defunct Boston Ballet



Pictured left to right, back to front: Megan Wong, Olivia Hansen, Elsa Landy, Abigail Lazorisak, Isabella Walker and Phoebe Fusco. COURTESY PHOTO

School in Norwell. In addition to their ABT trainings and certifications, McKeon heads a faculty that includes former Boston Ballet soloists Leslie Woodies and Stephanie Moy, and former American Ballet Theatre dancer Nan Keating, who was principal of Boston Ballet School's Norwell studio and before that of the school's precursor — Children's Ballet Workshop.

Though revamping the production has had its fair share of challenges, the hard work and dedication of the faculty and students

has certainly paid off in a record-breaking, sold-out run of the show. Still, those hoping to glimpse the holiday magic need not fear — as the dress rehearsal on December 12th will now be performed for the public with \$10 tickets available at the door.

The new production features a magnificent growing Christmas tree, professionally hand-painted sets and decadently updated costumes. "(George Birkadze's) new choreography for Arabian is very, very cool," says senior performer Elisa Rastelli of Norwell. Rastelli, a

senior dancer at the studio, will be the first to perform the role in the sparkling new Arabian costume, featuring gold and bronze piping and sequins.

Already this season the school has brought performance excerpts to the Inly School in Scituate and the Chandler School in Duxbury, staged a flash mob at the Derby Street Shoppes in Hingham, and hosted their inaugural "Sugar Plum Fairy Tea Party" at their Hanover studios with over 100 attendees. "What (McKeon) has created here, in a remarkably short time, is a place where we all feel inspired to give every one of our students everything we've learned ourselves from being in the professional world of dance," says Woodies. "The people we've all studied with, danced with, and been coached by is a 'who's who' of the dance world. Here we are privileged and encouraged to pass that history on in a way that gives our students the best of what the discipline has to offer."

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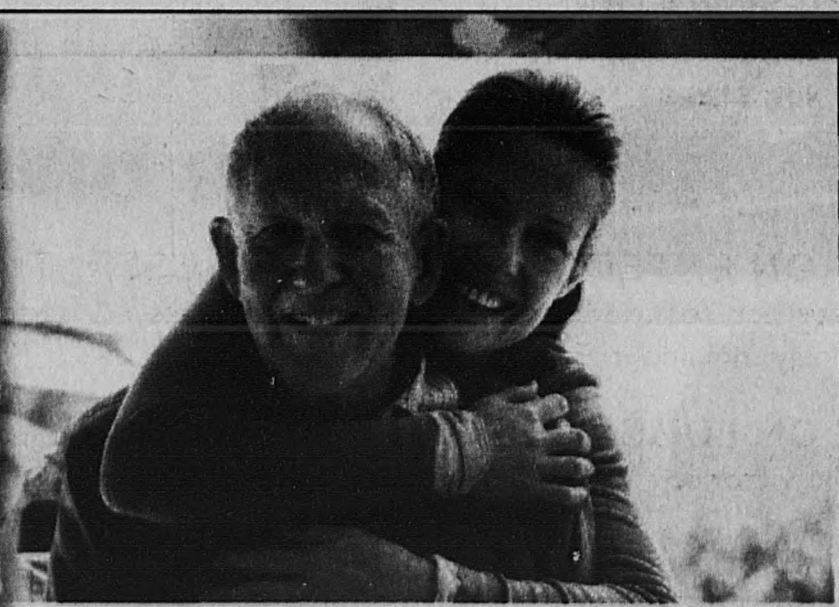
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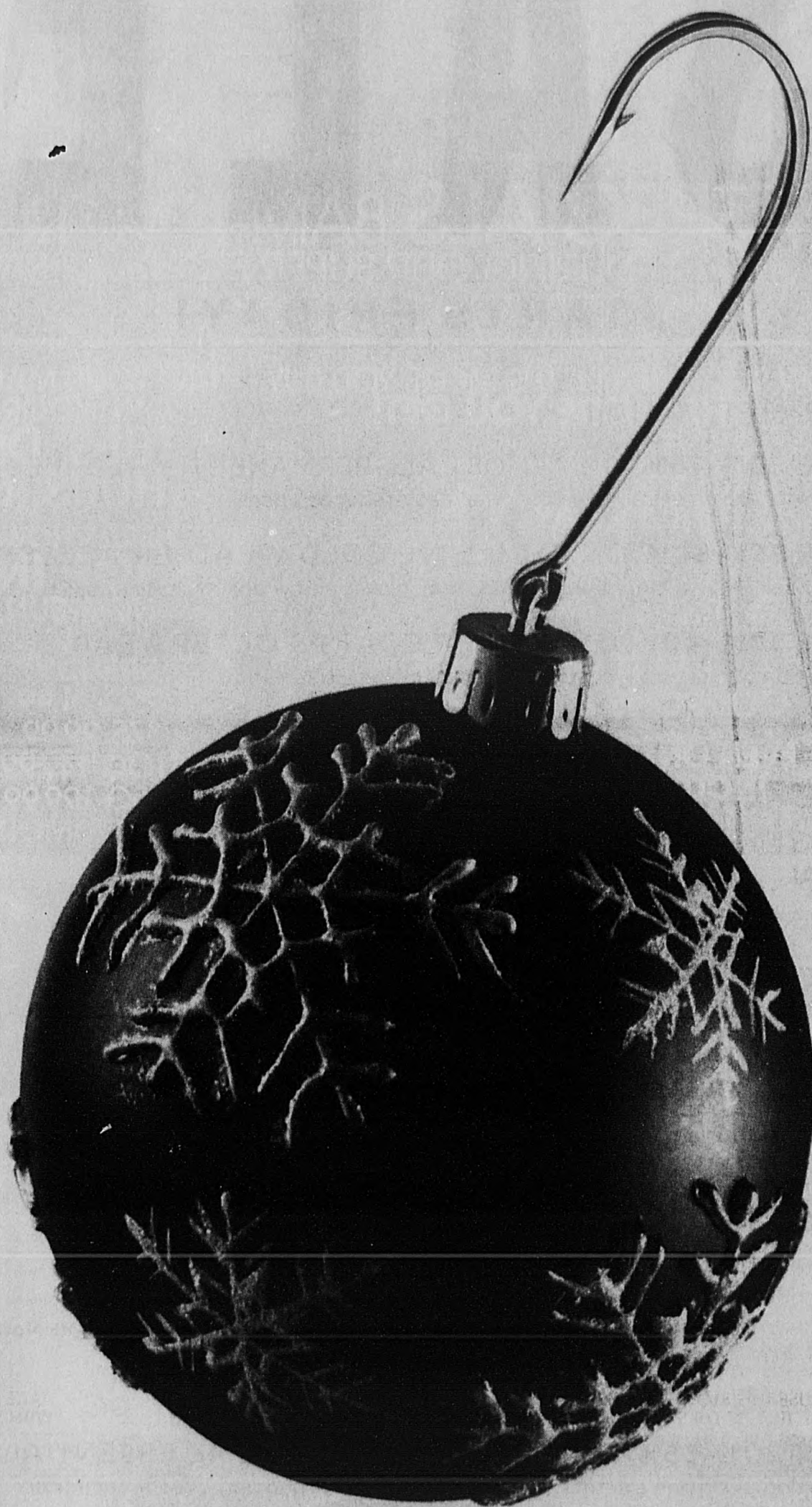
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Annual New Year's Day Walk — Jan. 1. Celebrate the New Year at Holly Hill Farm. This walk has become an annual tradition for many families and the public is invited to join in. Naturalist Steve Ivas will provide a guided tour along the trails. Executive director, Cindy Prentice will provide her locally famous hot chocolate for all. \$5 for members/max\$15 for member families; and \$8 for non-members/max\$24 for non-member families.

School partnerships: Recently, the Holly Hill Farm educators worked with fourth graders and built new beds and planted garlic at the Academy Avenue elementary school in Weymouth. The idea for the growing beds was hatched by a group of last year's third graders to grow more healthy food. Next week, the Friends will stir and mix compost and spread seaweed with 5th graders at the South River school in Marshfield, as an effort to tuck in the gardens for winter. While our public programs are the most visible outreach we provide the local community, our Farm Educators have partnerships with more than 40 schools along the South Shore. Is your school one of them? Happy growing, teaching and learning.

SPORTS

Gymnastics clinic offered

Varsity Gymnastics Clinic #1 will take place from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m., on Monday, Dec. 22, at South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset. The clinic is for girls ages 7 through 13.

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The Rusty Skippers, Cohasset's own community concert band, will perform their Christmas program: Sunday, Dec. 13, at 4:30 p.m., at the Church of the Holy Nativity at 8 Nevin Road, Weymouth, and the new Cohasset Senior Center at 3 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 21.

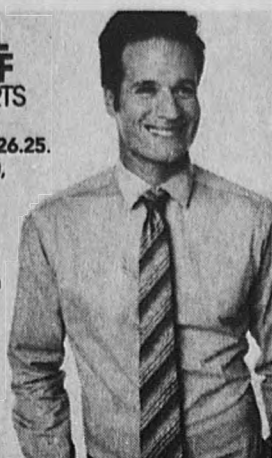
The Rusty Skippers were formed in 1995 as part of the Cohasset

Harborfest at the suggestion of the late Rev. Ed Atkinson of First Parish in Cohasset. The Rusty Skippers play under the direction of Steve Biagini, the instrumental music teacher at Deer Hill School. Members come from towns all over the South Shore. After the December concert schedule is completed, the band will reconvene in March to prepare selections

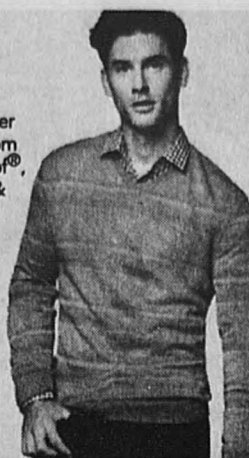
for appearances including South Shore Festival of the Arts, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Cohasset Memorial Day Parade and various concert series.

The Rusty Skippers Band has openings in some instrumental sections. If interested in joining or booking the band, contact Steve Biagini StevenB903@aol.com or call 617-755-7474.

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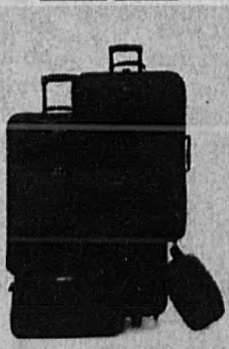
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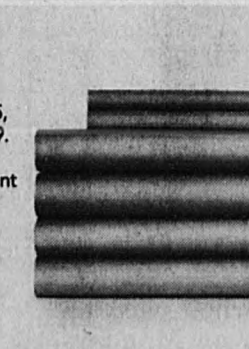
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COMMENTARY

Proud moments for our community

If the idea of "guilt by association" is a roundly understood concept, then I suppose the opposite concept of "pride by association" should also be well understood.

I have lived here for more than twenty years and during that time have swelled with pride on many occasions, though truthfully, most of them were associated with some achievement of one of my own children. This past Saturday made me very proud to be a part of the community for reasons which are both obvious and some that are less obvious.

As you may know, the Cohasset High school Football Team won the Division Six State Championship in an exhilarating game against Littleton High School. The victory was made sweeter still as the (convincing) win avenged a spirited battle in 2013 which ended in a CHS loss. This is the first football championship for CHS in, like... ever!

For the one thousand or so enthusiastic, cold, wet and hoarse Cohasset fans, the boys had capped a season-long campaign with the only outcome imaginable. It struck me that I had watched many members of the team grow from stroller-bound infants, to heavily enthusiastic young boys, to begrudging adolescents, and into young men of character and grace.

Beyond the ropes, the boys were escorted by several members of the Cohasset Police



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Department (who volunteered their time) to give the team a VIP escort to -- and a victory parade from -- Gillette Stadium. While there, the CPD were the friendly and known faces of crowd control on the field.

When the newly minted champs arrived back in town, they were ushered by a lights-flashing parade of police cars and fire trucks, announcing their achievement. As the impromptu parade approached, residents emerged to the street -- as if called -- knowing immediately the significance of the affair. Their cheers and whoops nearly masked the volume of applause.

Then, they joined their parents and their biggest boosters for a lunch; At this juncture, Coach Afanasiw made a brief and impactful speech.

He thanked the players and their parents for their dedication and commitment; he recognized their uncommon devotion to the task. He acknowledged his nine fellow coaches, and the sacrifices they had made for the sake and success of the team. Then, in what was a paramount, shining moment for his players and himself... he chose to recognize the high school arts program which was

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presenting an ambitious musical that very evening.

Think about that for a moment; Coach Afanasiw deliberately, thoughtfully shifted the spotlight from his team and their victory to recognize that the theatre company's efforts were of championship caliber and not to be missed.

Genuine humility is rare, and inspiring. In a moment of personal glory, Coach Afanasiw demonstrated a lifelong lesson to his team about sharing the moment, recognizing champions in their many forms and acknowledging a world larger than our contained universe.

It is people like the parents and players, volunteer coaches and volunteer cops, and the cheering townspeople that make me "proud, by association". Equally, it is our thespians and stagehands, volunteer directors and lighting managers that make me "proud, by association". Coach was right, it was a great play.

Steve Gaumer is a member of the Board of Selectmen and lives on Pond Street.

COMMENTARY



Wayne N. Ross of Scituate by his van in the Shaw's parking lot. COURTESY PHOTO

Safety zones for wheelchairs

By William Quigley

Meet Wayne N. Ross. He's from Scituate, he's a C-6 Quadriplegic, and a heck of a nice guy.

I met him the other day while driving through the Shaw's parking lot on Route 3A. He was making full use of the "safety/loading zone" adjacent to the handicapped parking spots as he maneuvered his wheelchair on to the lift attached to his van.

Our police department gets complaints all of the time about people blocking these zones. They don't know

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what they are for, and generally there is no dedicated sign for the safety zone; only some white or yellow hash marks.

I asked Wayne if he minded if I took a picture to use for public education and to remind people not to impeded HP safety zones. I told him that I only needed a picture of his van and lift. Wayne told me that he wanted to be in the photo, so here he is.

In talking to Wayne he

related several of his personal experiences of healthy drivers using the HP spots to "just run in the store for a minute". That caused me to ask, "What do you do in a case like that?" He said, "I use to get upset but there was way too much negative energy attached to that. I just wait for them to move now..."

William Quigley is acting Chief of Police in Cohasset.

VIEW FROM THE FRONT PORCH

Unwrapping a few holiday thoughts

With the Christmas holiday season in full swing and only two weeks until Santa's big arrival, now is definitely not the time to procrastinate. Unfortunately, procrastination is exactly what I am doing with this article.

For the past few weeks I have been working on an article about a holiday subject that means a lot to me but I am experiencing a serious case of writer's block and can't seem to get anything done. So I am putting the present back under the tree and sharing a few stocking stuffers instead. It's up to you to decide which are gifts and which are lumps of coal.

■ Saturday's Festival of Lights in Cohasset Village should be a wonderful time. 4 to 7 p.m., come down with the family, soak in the atmosphere, pick something up in the shops (they could always use our support) and join in the holiday spirit.

■ I love the simplistic beauty of the decorated homes around the common this time of year. As New Englanders we get it.

■ The understated peacefulness of the homes with white lights and wreaths leaves me pondering what Christmases must have been like long ago.

■ And then there's me on the other end of the spectrum. Oh boy, let me tell ya, putting up an inordinate amount of lights and decorations in the yard is hard work.

■ The thank you from the kids who stopped by the other night to say how much they love the lights made it all worthwhile though.

■ If you enjoy lights, there's a neighborhood in Braintree that you might want to go see. Messina Woods Drive has a group of homes that really do it up each year. Check them out on Braintreelights.com.

■ Bah humbug to ABC. Last week they aired 'A Charlie Brown Christmas' and in doing so, cut out at least 4 scenes. How ironic that the special decrying commercialism was edited down to make room for more commercials.

■ Pick up a couple of \$5 dollar gift cards and as you see someone having a bad day or doing something nice, hand them one and wish them a wonderful holiday. You'll both win.

■ Last time I checked, Kissick and Hall were still running.

■ Congratulations to the Cohasset High School Football Team, Christmas came early in the form of the Division 6 Super Bowl Championship.

■ I'm especially



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impressed with Alex Norton, Meghan Considine and the other students who did double duty by participating in both the football game and the three performances of Guys and Dolls. Now that's involvement!!

■ Wrapping gifts is perhaps the most exasperating, frustrating, futile and absolutely maddening endeavor ever.

■ What is it about Christmas M&M's and Hershey Kisses? Little red and green temptations beckoning to me as if they were sirens on the rocky shores as I sailed by.

■ The Merry Christmas vs. Happy Holidays discussion is a totally manufactured argument to keep the blabbermouths on TV riled up. Don't overlook how many beloved Christmas traditions come directly from Pagan rituals. There is room and place for both salutations, as well as Happy Chanukah and other seasonal greetings.

■ If you want a real war on Christmas, look no further than the New England Puritans who banned Christmas all together back in the 1600s.

How about a few of my holiday lists

■ Top 10 favorite Christmas songs: 10) Nat King Cole's "The Christmas Song," 9) Boston Pops' "Sleigh Ride," 8) David Bowie & Bing Crosby's "The Little Drummer Boy," 7) Timbuk 3's "All I Want For Christmas," 6) Elvis's "Santa Claus is Back in Town," 5) Darlene Love's "Christmas Baby Please Come Home," 4) Bing Crosby's "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," 3) Band Aid's "Do They Know it's Christmas," 2) John Lennon's "Happy Christmas / War is Over" and 1) Frank Sinatra's "Jingle Bells."

■ Top five favorite Christmas movies: 5) "Muppets Christmas Carol," 4) "Miracle on 34th Street," 3) Elf, 2) "It's A Wonderful Life" and 1) "The Polar Express 3D."

■ Top five favorite Christmas TV specials: 5) "Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carol," 4) "Happy Days" Christmas show season 1, 3) "A Charlie Brown Christmas," 2) "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and 1) "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

■ Five least favorite Christmas songs: 5) Brenda Lee's "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," 4) Jose Feliciano's "Feliz Navidad," 3) Bobby

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Helms' "Jingle Bell Rock," 2) Elton John's "Step into Christmas" and 1) Paul McCartney's "Simply Having a Wonderful Christmas Time."

■ 20 Angels murdered two years ago Sunday (along with six of their teachers) in Newtown Conn.. Not one of these precious souls would even be 10-years-old this Christmas. Charlotte Bacon, Daniel Barden, Olivia Engel, Josephine Gay, Ana M Marquez-Greene, Dylan Hockley, Madeleine F Hsu, Catherine V Hubbard, Chase Kowalski, Jesse Lewis, James Mattioli, Grace McDonnell, Emilie Parker, Jack Pinto, Noah Pozner, Caroline Previdi, Jessica Rekos, Avelle Richman, Benjamin Wheeler and Allison N Wyatt.

■ What charities are you supporting this Christmas? While JDRE is now at the top of my list; important charities such as Christmas in the City, Wellspring and the Cohasset Food Pantry are worthy of all of our support.

■ The whole egg nog thing seriously escapes me. Can diet conscious people get egg whites nog?

■ Is it too much to ask for the Red Sox to get us two top of the rotation pitchers?

■ The weekend before Christmas our house evolves into a wonderfully and festive bakery, churning out the most amazing platters of cookies. Don't look at me people, I struggle mixing cereal and milk; the magic is all my wife's doing. I do however make an awesome holiday DJ.

■ One of my favorite seasonal traditions is stopping into Puopolo Candies right outside of Hingham Square. With their homemade chocolates and candies, it's simply wonderful.

■ Is there anything more festive than Christmas Carolers?

Well that's enough procrastinating; perhaps I'll now be able to focus and get that other article. As always, thanks for reading and I hope you are enjoying the season, it truly can be a magical time.

John McSheffrey has been part of the Cohasset community since 2007 and can be reached at jfmcs@aol.com

LIBRARY CORNER

Book group meets Wednesday

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Call 781-383-1348 to register or for more information or visit the website at www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Artist Exhibit — South

Shore Art Center presents "Down to the Sea," an art exhibition by JoAnne Chittick at the library through Dec. 31. These oil and watercolor paintings celebrate the shapes, patterns and colors of our coastal waters and life at

the shore.

Library Book Group — Join others for coffee and discussion of "Longbourn" by Jo Baker at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 17. All are welcome.

LIBRARY KIDS

Lego Club meets Monday

The following events for children will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org to sign up or more information.

Lego Club: Monday, Dec. 15, from 4 to 5 p.m., in the Meeting Room. All ages welcome.

Puppet Story Time with Leigh & Friends: Tuesdays,

Dec. 16, at 10:30 a.m., in the Story Room.

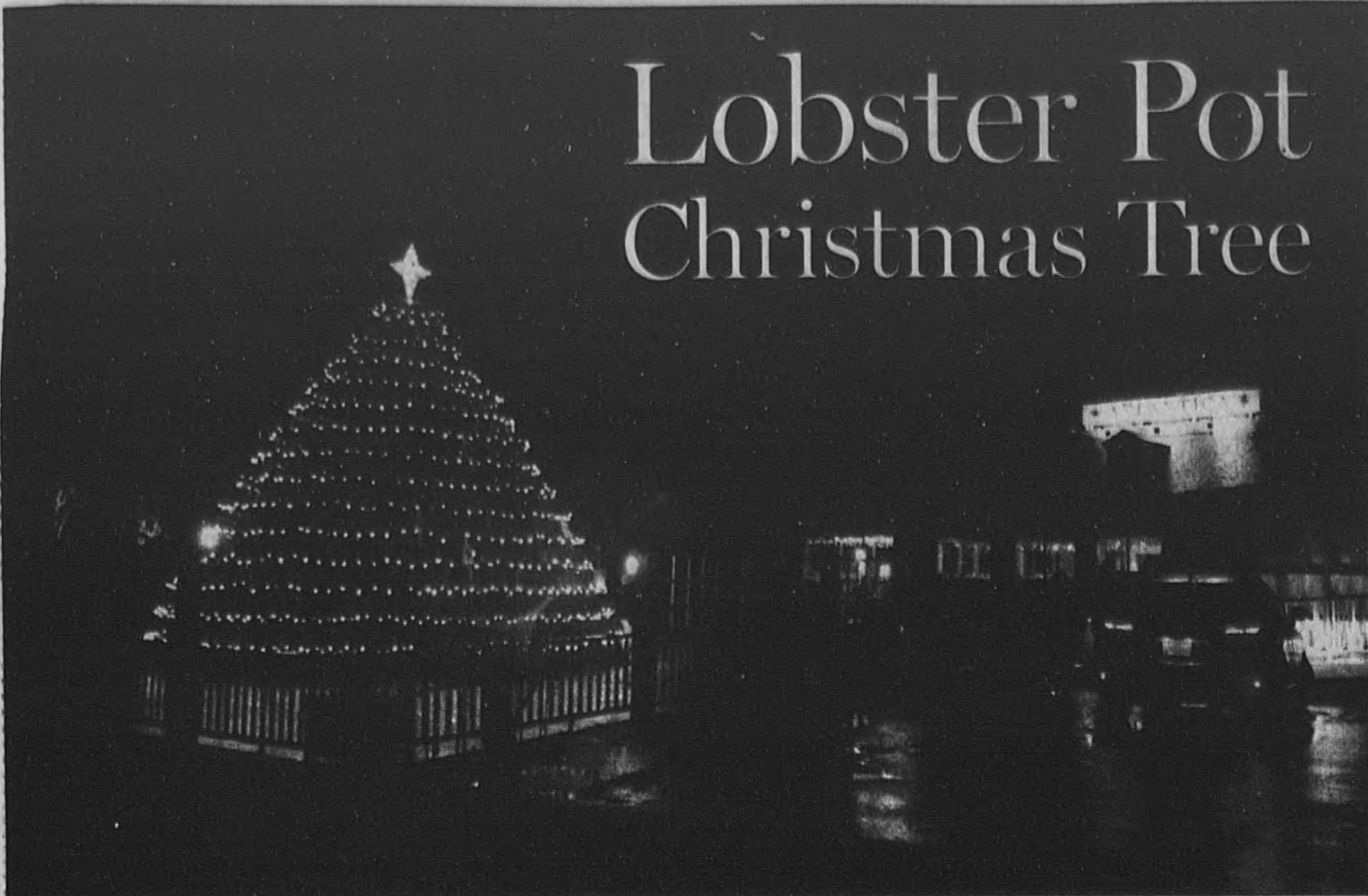
Drop in Crafts: Thursdays, Dec. 18 between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Don't Trade in your Chance to Give.

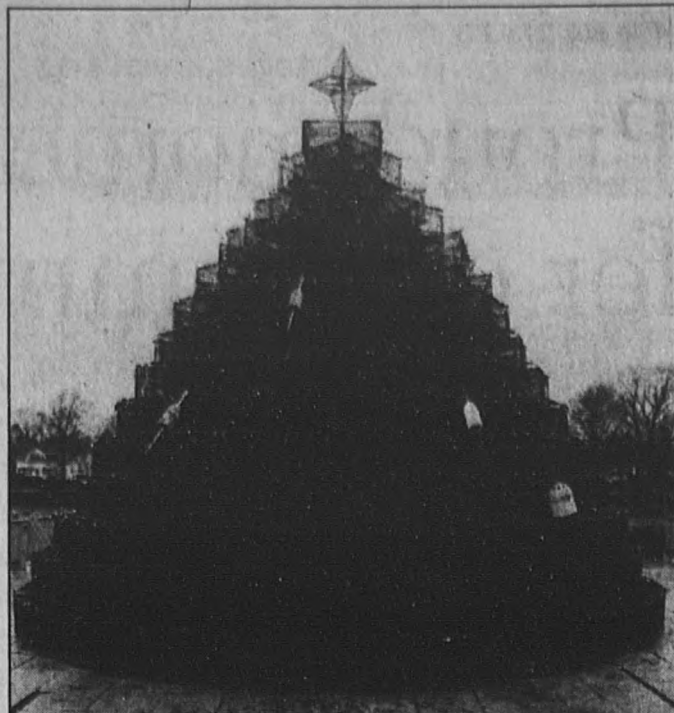
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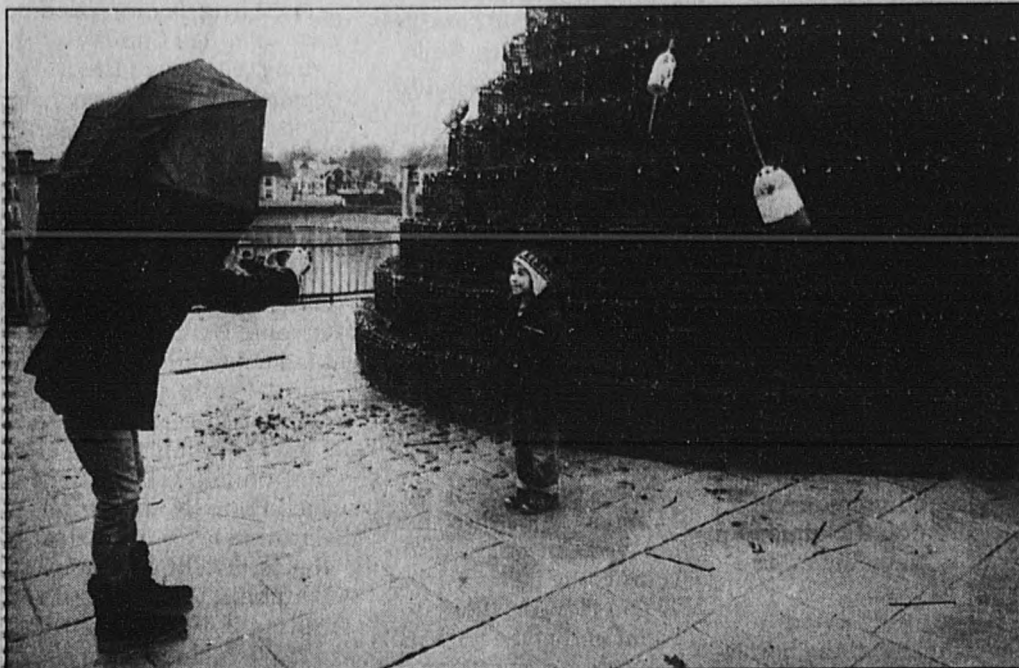
Lobster Pot Christmas Tree



The Lobster Pot Christmas Tree is lit Saturday, December 6, 2014, near the Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset.



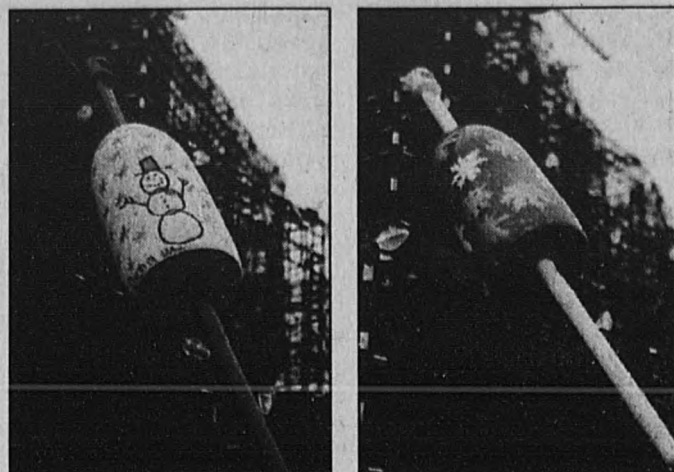
The Lobster Pot Christmas Tree with 397 lobster pots and 1000 lights is ready for its big debut Saturday.



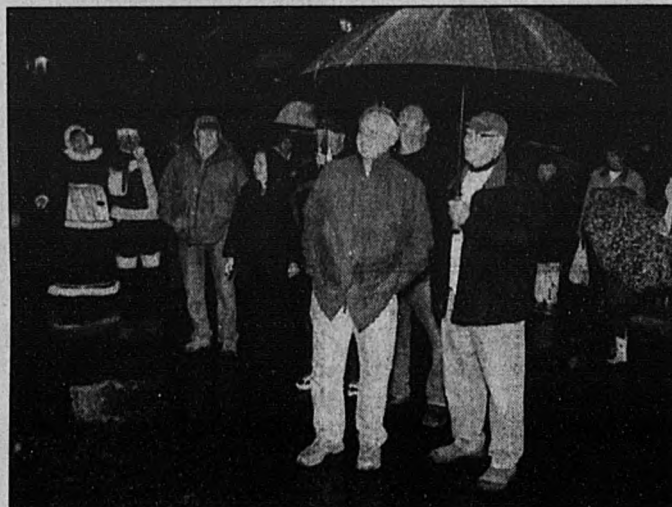
Left: 5 year old Cohasset resident Joseph Carvalho poses for a photo in front of the Lobster Pot Christmas Tree Saturday.

Right: Blank buoys and sticks can be purchased at the Cohasset American Legion post, 98 Summer St., for \$10 and then added to Lobster Pot Tree.

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6 year old Brooke Figueiredo takes a picture of the lighting of the Lobster Pot Christmas Tree Saturday.



A small crowd gathers to view the lighting of the Lobster Pot Christmas Tree.



The Lobster Pot Christmas Tree made of 397 lobster pots and 1000 lights is lit.



Beacon Hill Roll Call

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

PANEL ISSUES REPORT ON PAY RAISES - The Special Advisory Commission on the Compensation of Public Officials, created by the Legislature in June as part of the fiscal 2015 state budget, has issued its report and is recommending substantial pay raises for the governor and the state's five other constitutional officers, the speaker of the House and the Senate president.

Other hikes suggested by the panel include increasing each legislator's annual general expense allowance from \$7,200 to \$10,000 for members whose districts are within a 50 mile radius of the Statehouse and to \$15,000 for districts located outside of that radius; eliminating legislative per diem payments for meals and lodging reimbursements; changing the source and data on which current biennial legislative salary increases and decreases are based; and providing a \$75,000 annual housing allowance for the governor.

The panel recommends that the governor's salary be increased by \$33,200, from \$151,800 to \$185,000; the lieutenant governor by \$30,068, from \$134,932 to \$165,000; the secretary of state by \$34,738, from \$130,262 to \$165,000; the treasurer by \$47,083, from \$127,917 to \$175,000; the auditor by \$25,575 from \$137,425 to \$165,000; the attorney general by \$44,418, from \$130,582 to \$175,000; and the speaker and senate president, by \$79,967 from \$95,033 to \$175,000.

It also recommends that the six constitutional officers and the House speaker and Senate president be prohibited from earning outside income other than passive income from investments, as well as an end to legislative per diems, which are travel, meals and lodging reimbursements collected by the legislators. In 2013, legislators collected a total of \$291,216 in per diems and in 2014 have so far been paid \$177,067.

Some supporters of the per diems say the system is fair and note the rising costs of travel, food and lodging. They argue many legislators spend a lot of money on travel to Boston and some spend the night there following late sessions. Others say that some legislators accept the per diem but use all of the revenue they receive to support local non-profit causes. They say that not taking the per diem would leave that money in the state's General Fund to be spent on who knows what.

Opponents argue most private sector and state workers are not paid additional money for commuting. They say the very idea of paying any per diem is outrageous when thousands of workers have lost their jobs and homes and funding for important programs has been cut.

While the commission recommends that the per diem should be eliminated, it also suggests that the annual general expense allowance for each legislator should increase from \$7,200 to \$10,000 for members whose districts are within a 50 mile radius of the Statehouse and to \$15,000 for districts located outside of that radius. The most recent increase in the office expense allowance was a hike from \$3,600 to \$7,200 in 2000. The allowance is used to support a variety of costs including rent of a district office, contributions to local civic groups and the printing and mailing of newsletters. Legislators are issued a 1099 from the state and are required to report the \$7,200 as income but are not required to submit an accounting of how they

spend it.

The commission also calls for an annual \$65,000 housing allowance for the governor, noting that Massachusetts is one of only six states that supplies neither a governor's residence nor a housing allowance, even as Boston has the most expensive housing market of any of the state capitals.

Finally, the panel recommends changing the source and data on which current biennial legislative salary increases and decreases are based. In 1998, voters approved by a two-to-one margin a constitutional amendment requiring governors to calculate and announce an increase or decrease in legislative salaries every two years. The specific language requires legislative salaries to be "increased or decreased at the same rate as increases or decreases in the median household income for the commonwealth for the preceding two-year period, as ascertained by the governor."

The commission concluded that the methods used to make that adjustment vary from governor to governor because the decision by the governor has to be made in January, and the median household income figures published by the Census Bureau from the prior year are not available at that time.

The panel said it has researched a number of options and data sources for calculating the change and recommends using data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) that measures the quarterly change in salaries and wages. The panel argues that the BEA figures are more up-to-date compared to the census ones.

Barbara Anderson, president of Citizens for Limited Taxation, has a different opinion. She told Beacon Hill Roll Call, "The Massachusetts constitution allows rank-and-file legislators' pay to increase with median household income. The commission's report changes 'median household income' to another determinant, which would allow a higher increase for legislators; but the change would require a constitutional amendment, which couldn't be approved by voters until 2018."

Michael J. Widmer, president of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, told Beacon Hill Roll Call that each governor has had to improvise to estimate what the figures would be for that second year and have sometimes been way off. "Since there is at least a nine-month lag in the median household income data published by the Census Bureau, governors have found it impossible to meet the constitutional requirement," Widmer said. "The BEA data provides a close approximation in a far more timely manner."

Anderson responded, "This was all discussed at the time yet they put 'median household income' into the constitution. Everyone agreed the governor could estimate a full year, then adjust the amount of the pay when the final number became available. What are they saying now, that they should violate the constitution in order to produce a more accurate result?"

The complete report of the commission can be found on the commission's website: MassPublicComp.umb.edu.

LEGISLATORS' CURRENT SALARIES AND OTHER BENEFITS

In light of the commission's report, this week Beacon Hill Roll Call examines the salaries and other benefits currently received by the commonwealth's state senators and

representatives in 2014.

BASE SALARY - The current base salary for legislators is \$60,032. Legislators have had their pay cut by \$1,406 since 2011. Until that time, their salaries had been raised every two years since 2001, an increase of \$13,622, or 29 percent, since the mandated salary adjustment became part of the state constitution.

BONUS PAY FOR 102 LEGISLATORS - Over the past several years, the Legislature has increased the total number of legislators who receive annual bonus stipends of \$7,500 to \$35,000 beyond their annual base salary. The latest figures show that at least 102, or more than half, of the state's 200 legislators receive a stipend. All 40 senators and 62, or more than 40 percent, of the representatives receive bonus pay for their service in Democratic or Republican leadership positions, as committee chairs or vice chairs and as the ranking Republican on some committees.

Supporters say legislators in these important positions should be appropriately compensated for their many added responsibilities and hard work.

Critics say the base salary is sufficient and is often automatically increased every two years.

PER DIEMS - Legislators are entitled to collect "per diems" to reimburse them for mileage, meals and lodging expenses for travel from their home to the Statehouse. These reimbursements are not taxable income and range from \$10 per day for legislators who reside in the greater Boston area to \$82 for Western Massachusetts lawmakers and \$100 for those in Nantucket. The Legislature in 2000 doubled these per diems to the current levels.

\$7,200 FOR GENERAL EXPENSES - Each legislator receives a \$7,200 annual general expense allowance. The Legislature in 2000 doubled this allowance from \$3,600 to \$7,200. This separate, flat rate expense allowance is not based on a lawmaker's geographic distance from the Statehouse. It is designed to pay for some of the costs of legislators' district offices and other expenses including contributions to local civic groups and the printing and mailing of newsletters. Legislators are issued a 1099 from the state and are required to report the \$7,200 as income but are not required to submit an accounting of how they spend it.

PARKING SPACE - Lawmakers are entitled to a parking space inside the Statehouse garage or at the nearby McCormack State Office Building. The first \$230 in monthly value of the space is a tax-free benefit under federal and state guidelines that apply to all public and private employees, not just state legislators. Any value of the space above this amount is treated as taxable income. The value of the parking spaces in 2014 was determined by the Bureau of State Buildings to be \$413 per month. Based on that figure, legislators would be taxed only on the excess \$183 monthly by the Internal Revenue Service and the state.

HEALTH INSURANCE - Legislators are eligible to choose from 11 health insurance plans offered by the state's Group Insurance Commission, which manages the plans for over 420,000 individuals - current and retired state and certain municipal workers and their dependents.

Total monthly full-cost premiums for family plans range from \$1,098 to \$2,183 with the employee share of the premium ranging from \$220 to \$619 effective July 1,

2014. Individual plans are available from \$461 to \$939 with the employee share of the premium ranging from \$92 to \$266. Lawmakers elected on or before July 1, 2003, pay 20 percent of the premium and the state pays 80 percent. Those elected to their first term on or after July 1, 2003 pay 25 percent while the state picks up only 75 percent. State and federal privacy regulations protect this information; it is not possible to obtain records about which plans individual legislators have purchased.

LIFE INSURANCE - Legislators who purchase a health insurance policy from the state are also required to buy the state's basic \$5,000 life insurance policy. This costs employees \$1.28 to \$1.56 per month, depending on the date of hire. The same 20/80 25/75 formula used for health insurance also applies to this life insurance. Legislators also have the option to buy additional life insurance with a value of up to eight times their salary. The entire premium for the optional insurance is paid by legislators.

LONG-TERM DISABILITY AND HEALTH CARE SPENDING ACCOUNT - Legislators also have the option to open a Health Care Spending Account (HCSA) and Dependent Care Assistance Program (DCAP), and to buy long-term disability insurance. The HCSA allows legislators to set aside funds to pay for out-of-pocket health care expenses with before-tax dollars while the DCAP allows them to set aside funds to pay for certain dependent care expenses with before-tax dollars. This participation reduces their federal and state income taxes. The entire premium for long-term disability is paid by legislators.

DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE - Legislators are eligible to choose one of two dental/vision insurance plans. Current monthly employee premium costs for family plans range from \$14 to \$19, while individual plans range from \$5 to \$6. All lawmakers pay 15 percent of the premium and the state pays 85 percent.

SOME LEGISLATORS DO NOT PAY FEDERAL TAX ON THEIR LEGISLATIVE SALARY - Legislators who live more than 50 miles from the Statehouse are eligible for a special federal tax break. A 1981 federal law allows them to write off a daily expense allowance when filing their federal income tax return. The complicated system determines a daily amount, ostensibly for meals, lodging and other expenses incurred in the course of their jobs, which can be deducted for every "legislative day."

Under the Massachusetts Legislature's system and schedule, every day of the year qualifies as a legislative day. The Legislature does not formally "prorogue" (end an annual session) until the next annual session begins. This allows legislators to take the deduction for all 365 days regardless of whether the Legislature is actually meeting or not. Legislators do not even have to travel to the Statehouse to qualify for the daily deduction.

The amount of the deduction is based on the federal per diem for Massachusetts. It varies from year to year and changes annually on October 1. The daily per diem for legislators from October 2013 through September 2014 varies in different parts of the state and is seasonal. It ranges from \$153 per day to \$350 per day or between \$55,845 and \$127,750 annually. It is estimated that more than one-third of the state's 200 legislators qualify for this deduction and are eligible to pay little or no federal income tax on their legislative salaries.

MEALS

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Stephen McDonald estimated that between 50 and 70 folks came to the church to volunteer, many of whom were from the community at large, and some from as far away as Abington and Carver.

On top of that, the fundraising "goal was far exceeded," said McDonald. "I think we ended up making 160 percent of the goal; we wanted to package 10,000 meals, ended up with 16,000."

Hart said she was excited that the group ended up sending 6,000 more meals than anticipated.

"We had hoped to raise \$2,500 but nearing the event date we all started to question if that was possible. However, donations came flooding in right before and even during the event," said Hart.

"The meals are now shipped and will arrive right in time for Christmas," Hart added, listing off several groups that helped make the event possible. "We owe a big thanks to Ground Level and the Beechwood Congregational Church, Cohasset Dramatic Club, Cohasset High School, Derby Academy, Cohasset Fitness Club, Saint

Back in the states, awaiting her next Peace Corps assignment in Malawi, Hart decided to take action and ask for volunteers to help her package meals.

Anthony's and Saint Paul's Youth Group, Dunkin' Donuts, Atlantic Bagel and family [and] friends in Cohasset."

McDonald said that Beechwood could potentially host similar events in the future, adding, "This was a unique opportunity with Torey in terms of her connection to Liberia."

The pastor said he appreciated everyone who was willing to lend a helping hand.

"It was just nice to see so many different people from the community take a large part of their Saturday to be involved with us because people are so busy during the holidays," said McDonald.

For more information or to donate, visit at End-HungerNE.org or mailed (checks payable to Outreach, Inc.) to the regional office in Marshfield. You



Peace Corps volunteer Torey Hart of Cohasset laughs after "sliming" Beechwood Pastor Stephen McDonald who won the "grand prize" of the day for getting the most donations for the church's meal packaging event. "Whoever got the most donations [was] slimed," said Hart. "It was a little extra incentive for people to donate." COURTESY PHOTOS

can also donate directly by going to www.outreachprogram.org, clicking donate and typing in "Liberia."

For more information on Beechwood and the Ground Level coffeehouse, like "Ground Level Caf" on Facebook, visit Beechwood Church online at www.beechwoodcc.org, or call 781-383-0808.



Volunteers sent 16,000 meals to Liberia consisting of beans and rice, staple foods for African families.

BUILDING PERMITS

Wise, 84 Gammons Road, \$75,000, remodel carriage house; Drybanski, 110 Jerusalem Road, \$46,850, 16 squares slate roofing/repair gutters; Bergers, 268 Fair Oaks Lane, \$807, new front door; Cunneen, 48 Jerusalem Road Drive, \$11,000, 18 solar panels; Sunday, 19 Whitney Woods Lane, \$7,000, 12 replacement windows; Rabstjnek, 181 Border St., \$5,000, three replacement windows; Toll Brothers, 21 Orchard Drive, \$377,000, new single-family dwelling; Toll Brothers, 22 Orchard Drive, \$426,400, new single-family dwelling; Hess, 58 Old Coach Road, \$30,000, renovate sunroom and deck; Mercurio, 109 1/4 Pond St., \$70,000, complete renovation of kitchen and first floor bath; SS Playhouse Corp., 130 Sohler St., \$750, install 30 by 30 tent Dec. 1 through Dec. 3;

Casey, 460 Jerusalem Road, \$8,900, install EPDM membrane flat roof; Jalbert/Siler, 422 King St., \$2,000, build portico roof over existing steps; Crumley, 16 Pratt Court, \$14,900, 17 squares side-walling; Betancourt, 12 Sheldon Road, \$7,936, five replacement windows; Snee, 115 Linden Drive, \$23,000,

kitchen remodel with new door and windows; Mahoney, 63 Summer St., \$110,000, rebuild demo'd barn/assemble steel outbuilding on slab; Pettie, 49 Ripley Road, \$350,000, complete interior renovation/second floor addition; O'Connell, 18 Locust Road, \$25,000, remodel kitchen and bath; enclose mudroom; Willock, 324 North Main St., \$130,000, add shed dormer to master bedroom, add bath and closet; and McCullough, 20 Westgate Lane, \$7,000, two wood-burning stoves.

Also: Lacks, 19 Heather Drive, \$5,000, one wood-burning stove; Toll Brothers, 32 Orchard Drive, \$432,000, new single-family dwelling; Saradinia, 271 South Main St., \$25,000, second floor addition and bath remodel; Adley, 167 Sohler St., \$30,000, 20 squares asphalt roofing; Dicroce, 21 Howe Road, \$47,600, 50 squares asphalt roofing; Erler, 22 Atlantic Ave., \$8,000, basement remodel; Hynes, 30 Clay-spring Road, \$5,000, 12 by 22 shed; Geddes, 183 Sohler St., \$10,500, 25 squares asphalt roofing; Staszko, 488 Jerusalem Road, \$7,500, replace 12 windows; Cohasset Housing, 60 Elm St., \$19,000, 49 squares roofing;

Dickie, 220 Atlantic Ave., \$16,492, replace three windows and three doors; Jerusalem Road LLC, 369 Jerusalem Road, \$62,000, install 16 by 34 Gunite pool; Connell Greenbush, 132 CJC Hwy., \$60,000, interior fit-out for client; Bloom Lingerie; Kennedy, 18 Hugh Strain Road, \$362,000, new single-family dwelling; Griffin, 43 Elm Court, \$125,000, Remove roof; add second level three bedrooms, two baths, re-side house; Roy, 87 Elm St., \$10,260, 25, squares asphalt roofing; Chapin, 55 Stockbridge St., \$15,000, build new deck around addition beneath existing deck; Karp, 91 South Main St., \$4,890, 9 squares asphalt roofing; Race Point Realty, 19-25 South Main St., \$4,500, 4 squares rubber roofing; Gillis, 492 Jerusalem Road, \$24,000, kitchen remodel; Henry, 97 Forest Ave., \$300,000, new single-family dwelling; Degiacomo, 59 Beach St., \$900, build addition to guest house; and Konohasset Lodge, 7 Brook St., \$20,000, interior renovation and partitions to office space.

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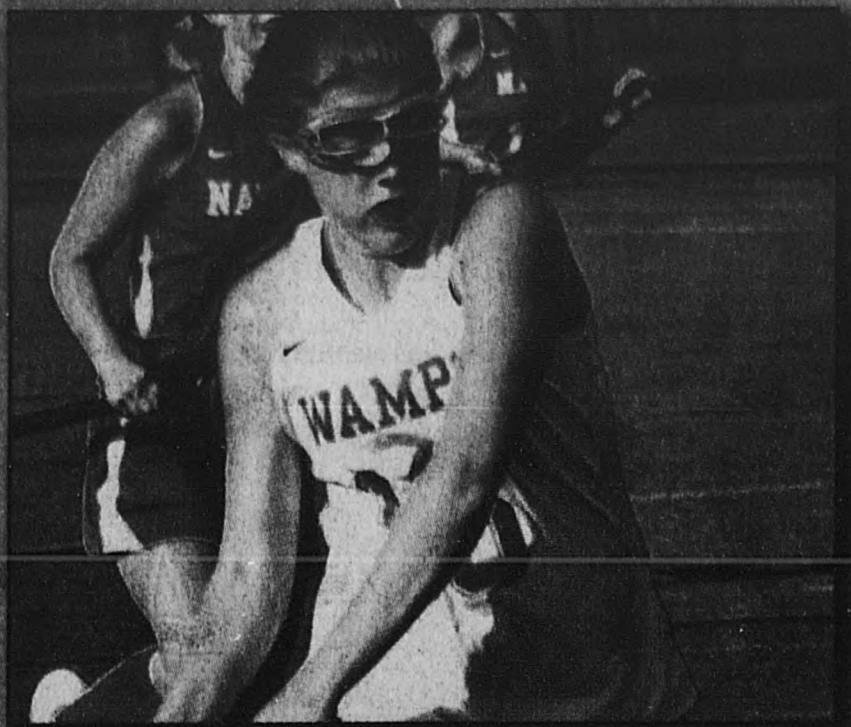
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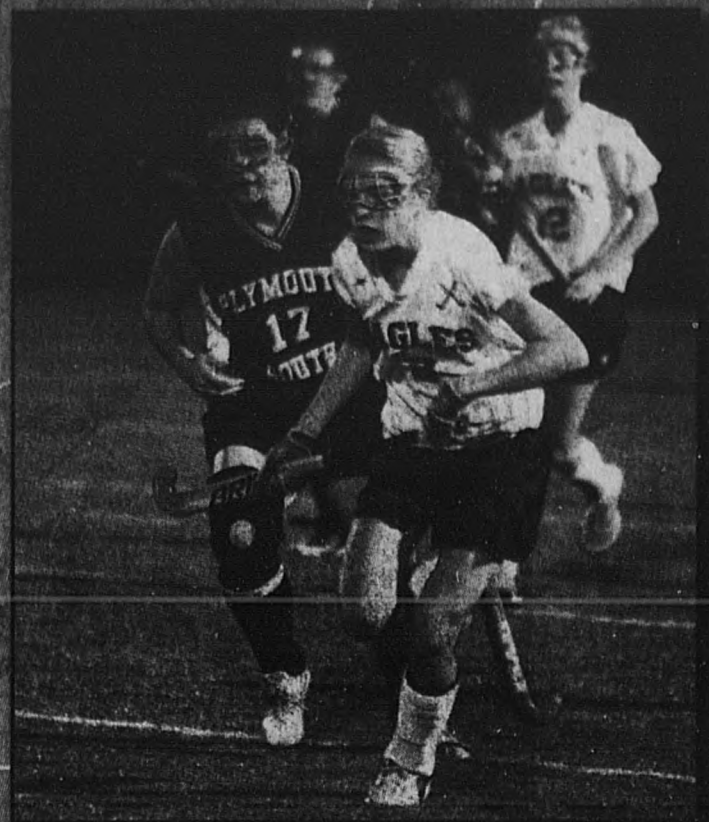
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FIELD HOCKEY



Deldre Burchill had a pair of breakaway bids against Natick but hit the side of the cage on both chances.



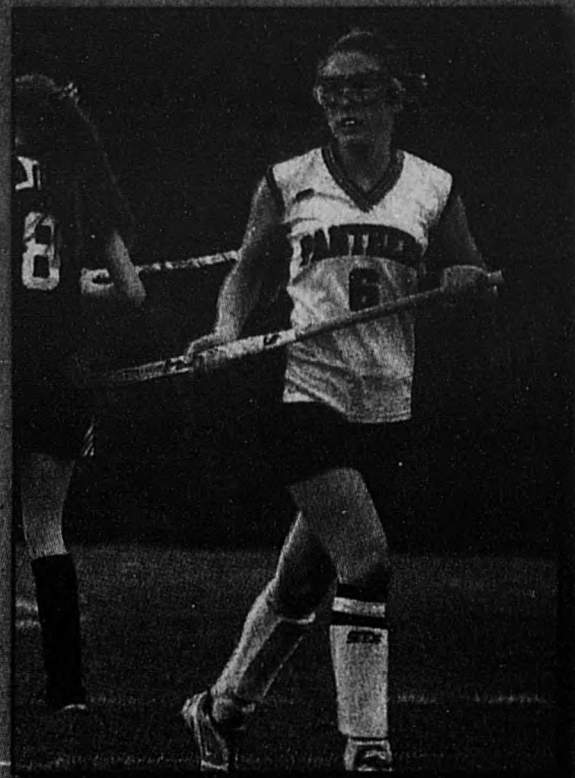
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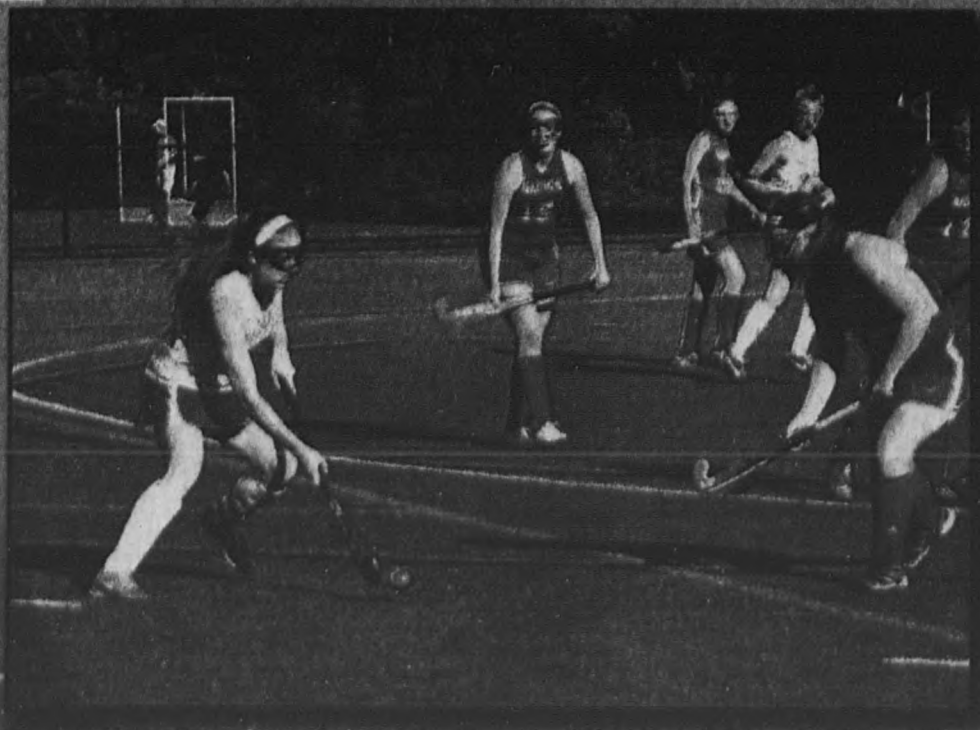
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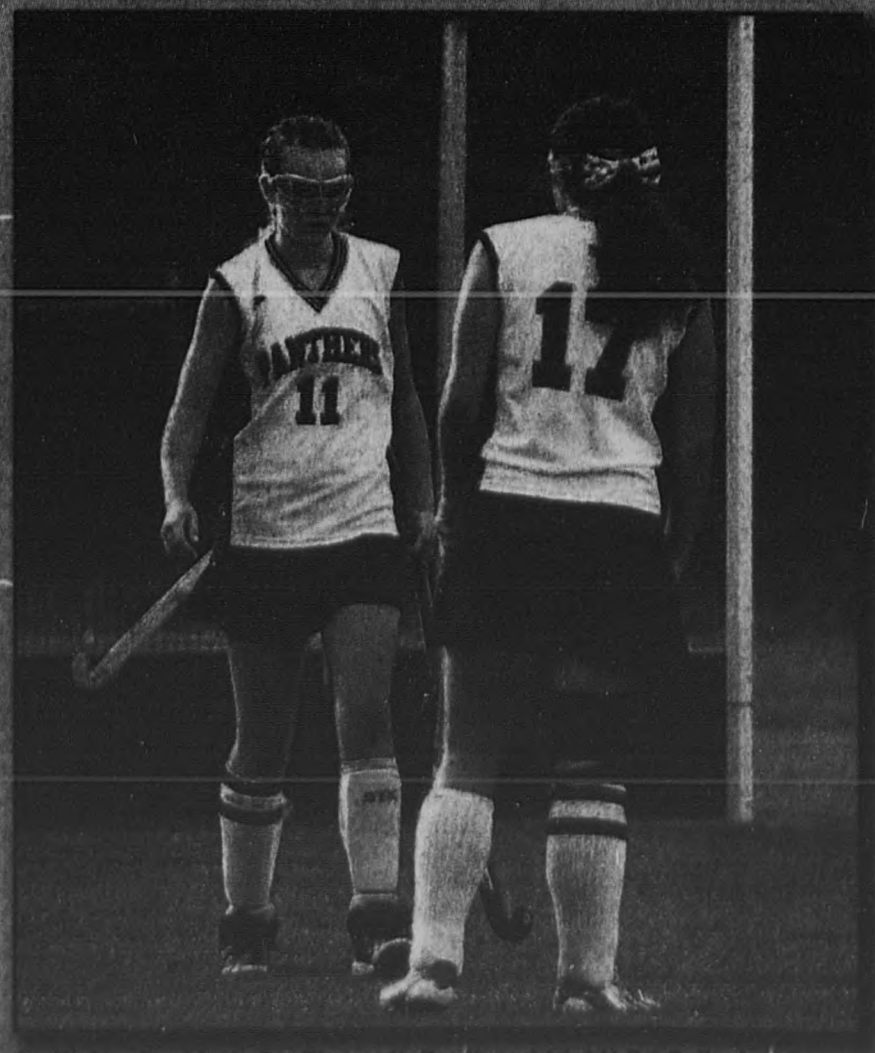
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Sam Taylor	Jr.	Hanover
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BEST OF THE REST

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Molly McMahon	Sr.	Hanover
Molly Cameron	Jr.	Hanover
Meghan Crendon	Sr.	Marshfield
Maddie Ryan	Sr.	Scituate
Molly Benson	Sr.	Scituate



Captain Naley Payne scored one of the Wamps goals in their 3-2 loss to Milton HS.



(Left) Alex Zoebisch, Sr., Plymouth South and (right) Bri Gallagher, Sr., Plymouth South

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FOOTBALL

Commemorative section to honor Super Bowl champs

The Cohasset Skippers are Super Bowl champs and the Mariner plans to celebrate the home team's victory with a special commemorative section that will be inserted in the newspaper's Dec. 26 issue. Local businesses, parents or community members interested in placing a congratulatory advertisement in our special section should contact Fred Siegel at 781-837-4519 or by email at fsiegel@wickedlocal.com

YOUTH LACROSSE

Registration

Registration for Cohasset Youth Lacrosse opened November 1.

Grades 1-2 play primarily in town at same time each weekend.

Grades 3-8 play in spring travel lacrosse leagues. (South Shore Lacrosse League - Girls' league and Town Pride League - Boys' league) Be advised that after January 5 there will be a \$50 late fee and registration will close on January 16, 2015 due to league mandated roster submission and US Lacrosse registration deadline. For more information and to register visit www.cohassetlacrosse.com.

WINTER SPORTS

Schedule

Friday, Dec. 12
Girls basketball
Vs. DY, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 12
Wrestling
At Scituate Torney, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 16
Boys basketball
Vs. Rising Tide, 6:30 p.m.

Girls basketball
At Nauset, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 17
Wrestling
Vs. BC High, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 18
Girls hockey
At NDA (Rockland Rink)
5:40 p.m.

Gymnastics
At Carver, 6 p.m.

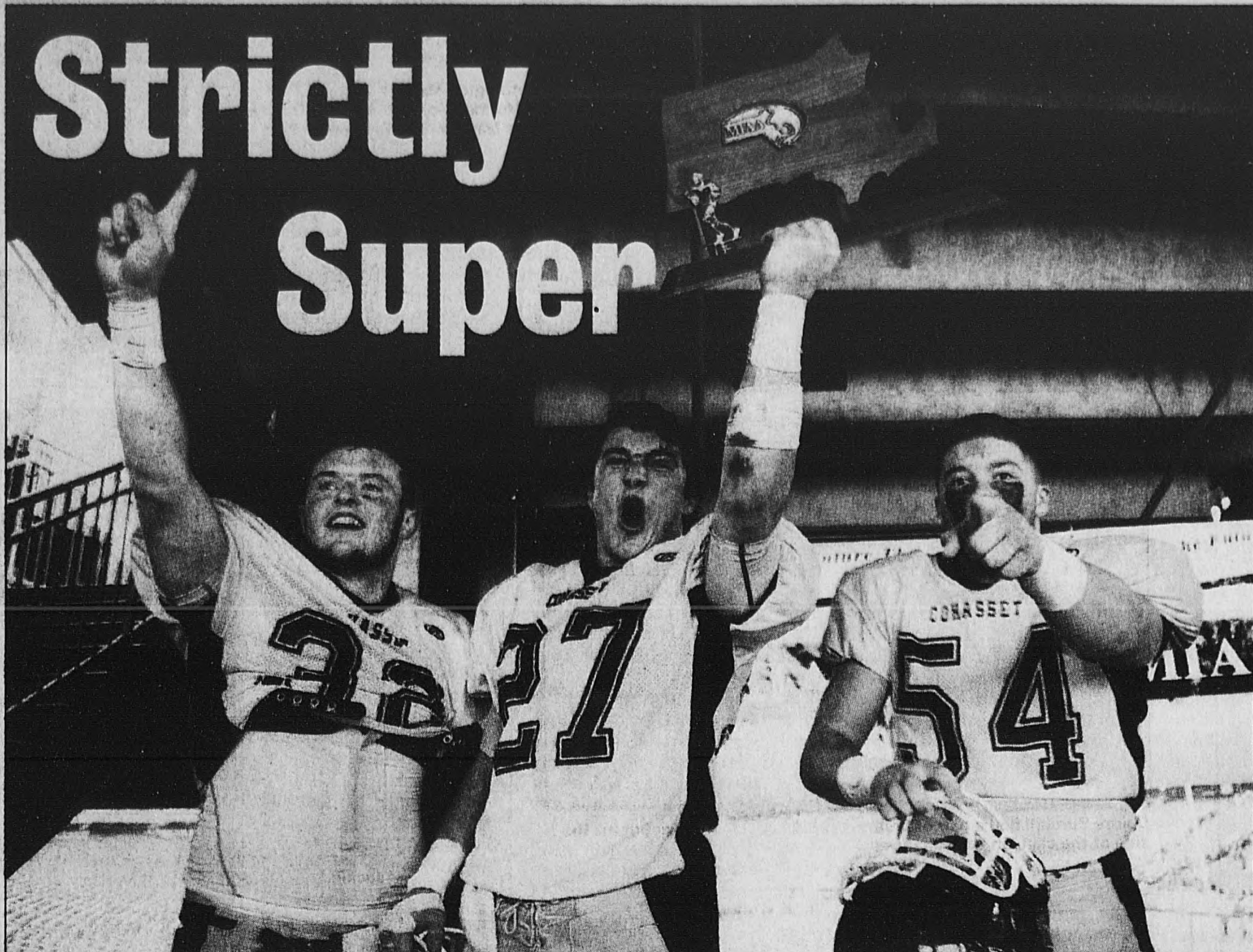
Friday, Dec. 19
Wrestling
Home quad, 5:40 p.m.

Girls basketball
at Carver, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 20
Swimming
Vs. Rockland (Quincy Lincoln-Hancock Pool),
10:30 a.m.

Boys basketball
Vs. Carver, 5:30 p.m.

Strictly Super



Captains Tim Gillis, Cole Kissick, and Matt Frolo celebrate as the team accepts their trophy. Cohasset defeated Littleton 35-22 to win the Division 6 Super Bowl State Championship in a game held at Gillette Stadium, Saturday, Dec. 6. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / GARY HIGGINS

Skippers roll to Division 6 Super Bowl title

By Mark Ducharme
Correspondent

There were plenty of reasons why Cohasset football coach Pete Afanasiw held up the Div. 6 State championship trophy at Gillette Stadium Saturday.

A year ago, the Skippers coach were overwhelmed in the championship game to Littleton, 52-35, but they rebounded this year and rolled past the Tigers, 35-22.

"It feels good," said Afanasiw. "These guys are phenomenal teammates and a great group of kids. We have a lot of mental toughness, they have been in big games and they came out on a mission."

The mission was to leave with a win over a team that denied them a year ago.

Afanasiw can look at the physical play of the Skippers that carried them to 35 straight points in the game.

"It all boiled down to matchup," said Afanasiw. "I know they feel that they (Littleton) have better



Cohasset QB Daniel Axelson throws. Cohasset defeated Littleton 35-22 to win the Division 6 Super Bowl State Championship in a game held at Gillette Stadium, Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014. GARY HIGGINS / THE PATRIOT LEDGER

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POPPIN' OFF

Winning day at Gillette Stadium

Victory a super feeling all around

It was just about a year ago, when the Cohasset football team took full advantage of the new MIAA playoff system and won its way to the Division 6 Super Bowl at Gillette Stadium.

Of course everyone knows what happened that day, a one-sided 52-35 loss to Littleton fueled by a 263 yard, five touchdown performance by Travis Bassett that left Cohasset feeling the sting of losing a Super Bowl.

New Englanders in general, especially sports fans know the feeling pretty well.

Bill Buckner through the wickets in 1986, the Reds in Game 7 in 1975 are still stuck in my brain, even with three World Series titles for the Red Sox since



WILLIAM WASSERSUG

2004. The Patriots have three rings, but I still feel the same type of shock the Skippers probably felt last year when I think of 'Da Bears' in 85.

For that matter, I am guessing Tom Brady still has nightmares about Giants and well, Giants.

The Revs had a great season this year, but will probably be remembering the one that got away on Sunday in LA.

How many times has a TV show had an episode about a team reuniting years later to replay a championship game

as adults. I'm pretty sure there was a Robin Williams movie on the subject, at least one, maybe two Married With Children episodes like that, I can't prove it, but I think The Cleveland Show may have gone there, and of course a classic episode of Quantum Leap was all about Sam Beckett going back in time to win a basketball championship game to potentially change the future and make things right.

For that matter, I personally still wish I could go back in time to change a couple of championship softball games I played in that my team lost in the bottom of the last inning - after I had knocked in go-ahead runs in the top-half - but that's another rant.

The point is, the sting lingers.

I heard Robert Kraft on

the radio talking about the emotions of winning and losing championship games, and saying how the highs of winning are so overwhelming, but fleeting, while the losses linger and linger.

Of course high school football is a much different animal.

While losing stings, and I know the seniors on last year's squad might still feel it, although I would bet by now they'll remember their senior season for what it was - probably the best season in school history to that time - the one thing that cures those blues is coming right back and winning the next one.

Last year's juniors and sophomores had a season to stew, and when they got back on the field, they were on a mission.

Yes, there were a few bumps in the road, including a two-game skid early

on that left Cohasset at 1-2, but the truth of those games was a team playing solid competition while learning how to play without their star back Cole Kissick, who was injured in the season-opener.

In that first loss to Scituate, the Sailors had everything going.

Strangely enough, Scituate learned what it was like to lose a star player when Chris Bearce went down and the team had trouble recovering from his loss.

Cohasset however, figured it out, and players like Nick Hall and Tim Gillis stepped up and Cohasset went on a 10-game win streak that ended with the Super Bowl title.

For me, watching this team for the past several years, I was more than

SEE POPPIN', B2

SUPER BOWL

Kissick leads the way to redemption

Skipper star rushes for 187 yards in Super Bowl victory

By Trevor Widders

Cohasset's Cole Kissick certainly made his presence felt in his last high school football game.

That was a nice switch from his final high school season overall, which generally was defined by his absence.

In Saturday's Division 6 state championship game at Gillette Stadium, Kissick rushed 19 times for

187 yards and a touchdown in leading the Skippers to a 35-22 win over Littleton.

"Ending on a bad note would have been really hard," Kissick said Monday. "To end my last football game with a loss or maybe a bad game on my part (would have hurt). But I'm happy that we won (and) I played a pretty good game, so I'm very happy about that."

Kissick played in only four games this season, missing nine others after he suffered a torn meniscus in his left knee following a

Week 1 win over Norwell. An All-Scholastic as a junior (1,468 yards, 18 TDs), he averaged 9.7 yards per carry in limited action this fall (45 carries for 438 yards).

"I'm just really happy my team (kept winning because that) allowed me to get back and play," he said.

Heading into the state final, Kissick acknowledged that he had some butterflies. He'll play lacrosse in college, so he knew this was his last football game.

"There (were) a few nerves," he said. "Obviously, we (had) been there

last year (and) lost (to Littleton), and a bunch of the kids on our team have been through big state championship games (in other sports). Going in, we were nervous, but I think we were more focused on winning, not being nervous, just kind of playing with our hearts. This is senior year, it was our last game, so we were really, really just ready to try to win that one."

Kissick provided a huge spark early on Saturday. With Cohasset trailing 8-0, he ripped off a 77-yard TD run to turn the tide.

"That was obviously a big jolt of adrenaline for the whole sideline," said Skippers coach Pete Afanasiw. "From what I remember it was the first play from scrimmage on that second drive, so it was an immediate response, which I think showed Littleton right out of the gate that we were ready to go and it wasn't going to be a repeat of last year."

After starting this season 1-2, Cohasset finished on a 10-game winning streak. The Skippers were 4-0 with Kissick in the lineup.

"His toughness is unparalleled," said Afanasiw. "I think most of it is from the neck up. Physically he is obviously a very tough individual. The fact that he was able to push aside any doubt that he might have had and go out onto the biggest stage of his high school football career and really perform at such a high level was just a tribute to the type of kid he is. He is just an amazing competitor, a very, very special football player and student-athlete."

FOOTBALL

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athletes, because it was in the paper. We had a special group of kids and our athleticism, Alex Norton coming off the edge, he had three sacks in the game and if he had my vote, he was MVP for the game."

Last year, the Littleton offensive line pushed around the Skipper defensive line, and likewise, the defensive line had its way with the Skippers.

This season, from the start, Cohasset worked to be that tough, hard hitting, punishing line on both sides, and it was evident that the hard work paid off. This group was a lunch-pail type of line that loved playing smash-mouth football.

"We love to run the football," Afanasiw said. "We want to have Timmy Gillis and Nick Hall right at you and Cole off the edge. It is a wonderful football team."

The Skippers running game overwhelmed Littleton. They rushed for 281 of their 411 total yards in the game and scored three touchdowns on runs.

The special part of the Skippers success was the return of Cole Kissick. The senior who is bound for Richmond to play lacrosse had not played since the first game because of a knee injury and this was the first game since the opener with Norwell that

he looked like he was in full stride.

"You can definitely tell he was all the way back in this game," said Cohasset quarterback Danny Axelson.

Kissick ran for 187 yards on 19 carries including a 77-yard run for Cohasset's first touchdown.

"It was a team win," said Kissick. "Everyone did their job. It surprised me that I ran the ball as well as I did. I know in practice I was running well and I was doing things right and everything was clicking. At the same time I knew that I might be hesitant cutting off the leg. I think it was on a sweep or a cut, I made a hard cut and I felt all right."

The long run was a huge confidence builder for Kissick.

"The long run definitely gave me confidence," he said. "I knew that I had a step on a couple of kids, but I have to give credit to the line. I had the hole and I just ran. The line was awesome."

"Cole has been kind of stiff for the past two weeks," said Afanasiw. "He got back into shape and boys is he a special player."

Kissick had the big number, but Hall also supplied the Skippers with another weapon out of the backfield.

He ran the ball eight times for 61 yards and had a 22-yard pass reception and picked off a pass to stop a potential Littleton scoring drive at the end of

the first half. Hall scored twice on a 9-yard run in the first half and added a 24-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

"We were more physical than they were in the game," said Hall. "We pride ourselves on being more physical than the other team. We have the mentality each play to make it our best play."

The tough part for the Tigers was that when they went to stop the Skippers running game by adding players in the box. Cohasset replied with quarterback Danny Axelson making big throws to keep drives alive and firing a big touchdown pass in the third period of 25 yards to John Donahue on a fourth-and-10 play.

He finished the game with four completions for 104 yards and a touchdown. Axelson also ran for a 2-yard score on a sneak in the fourth quarter that gave the Skippers a 35-8 lead.

"Danny is a very underrated quarterback," said Afanasiw.

"We had a slow start," said Axelson. "but after Kissick's run we gained some confidence. Once they came up to the line, it made easier to throw the ball. They were coming up on the run so much."

The Skippers had plenty of reasons why they can proudly look back at a Div. 6 State Football championship.

POPPIN'

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impressed, and have a feeling that for the seniors and coaches, this win will be remembered.

Skipper head coach Pete Afanasiw is not a beginner when it comes to being a champion.

Two Div. 4 baseball championships are immensely impressive. Adding a football Super Bowl to that list is even more amazing.

Did I forget to mention that a number of players, including Kissick and quarterback Danny Axelson are familiar with championships, since they were on the boys lacrosse team that won the State Championship in June.

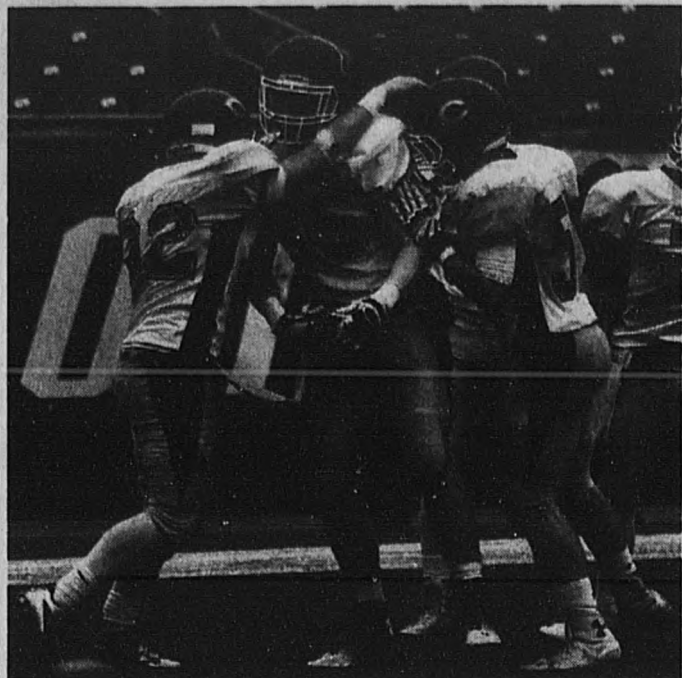
Like this year's football team, the lacrosse team had lost the championship game the year before.

For Afanasiw, even after a few days, the feeling was still fresh.

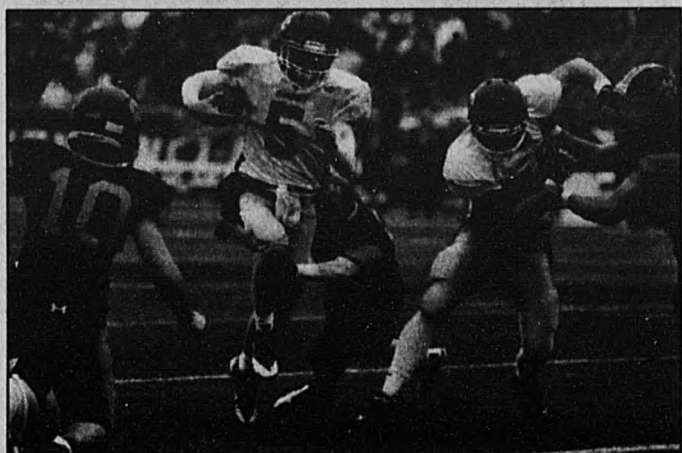
"I wish I could say it has sunk in," Afanasiw said Wednesday. "I've watched the game on film a few times and really can't believe how much we dominated, considering we made so many mistakes. As for the title, it really started to register with me when I saw the impact it was starting to have on the long-time Cohasset guys on our coaching staff."

Kevin Dooley, Brian Paterson, Phil Mahoney, Bob and Don Silvia and John Maher all played here and to see the joy on their faces, was as magical as seeing the delight on the players' faces at Gillette.

"Likewise, Jeff Knight, Dave Terry and Pete



Cohasset's Tim Gillis, John Donohue and Danny Axelson share a moment after a touchdown Saturday. Michael Lund is on the right. WICKED LOCAL PHOTOS/WILLIAM WASSERSUG



Skipper quarterback Danny Axelson picks up a yard or two as a Littleton defender tries to bring him down Saturday while teammate Alex Norton blocks for him.

Umbrianna have been coaching football for many years, and this was their first Super Bowl win as well, that is also priceless."

Afanasiw said last year was no fluke on either side.

"Last year, was Littleton's year," he said. "The more I watched that game, the more I got it. We put up 35 points on them last year, but those two kids (Bassett and quarterback Alexander McLaughlin) had career days at just the right time."

For Afanasiw (who I personally consider one of the finest coaches I have had the pleasure to know), baseball is just a season away, but he's already looking ahead to the 2015 football team.

"Funny about the planning for next year," he said. "The depth charts

for offense and defense are already being established, and the lifting in the weight room being emphasized, so it has already started."

I personally want to thank the team for the ride, and I have to admit, the little thrill of roaming around the stadium on a game day. It's always a bit of a thrill to be on that turf, even if I am still shaking the little black pellets out of my boots.

I'd also like to give a shout to the Patriots for making the day special for players, coaches, fans and media like myself, and most importantly, to whoever found my car key on the field and was nice enough to turn it in, sparing me the effort of having to find a way home to get a second key, then driving back and back again.

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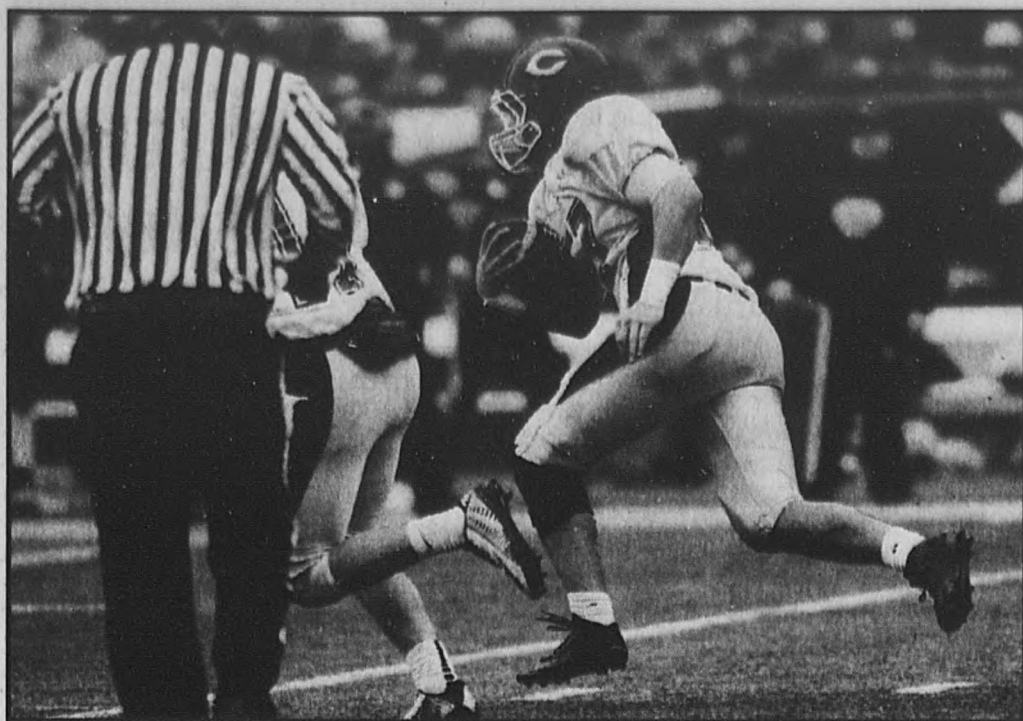
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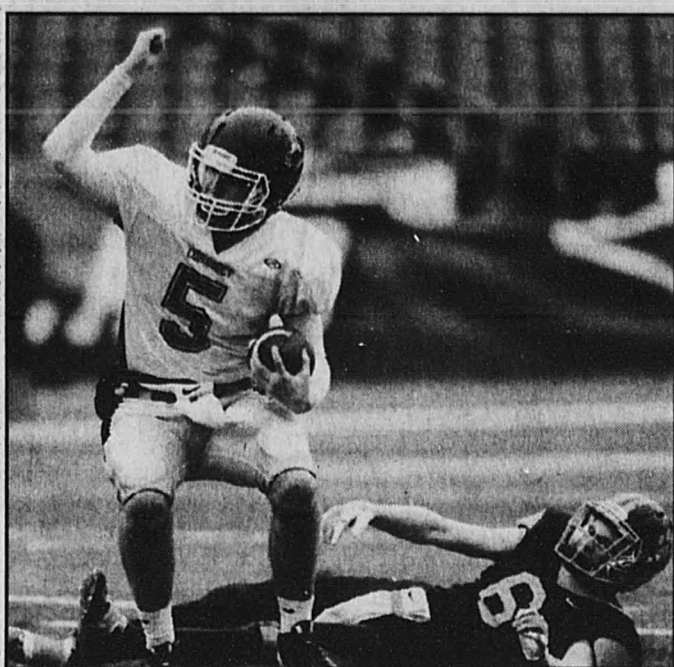


Cole Kissick runs a long touchdown. Cohasset defeated Littleton 35-22 to win the Division 6 Super Bowl State Championship in a game held at Gillette Stadium, Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014.

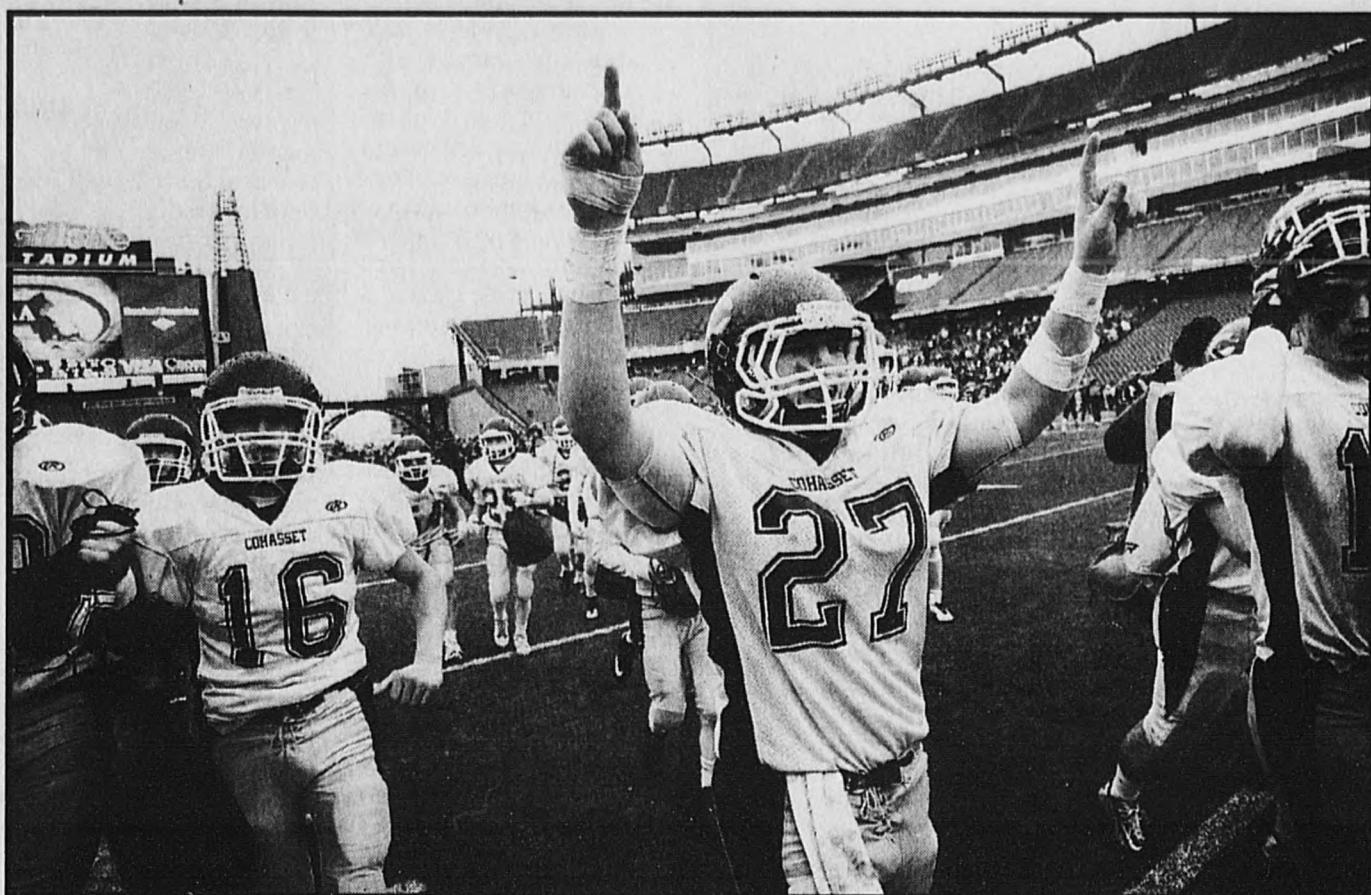


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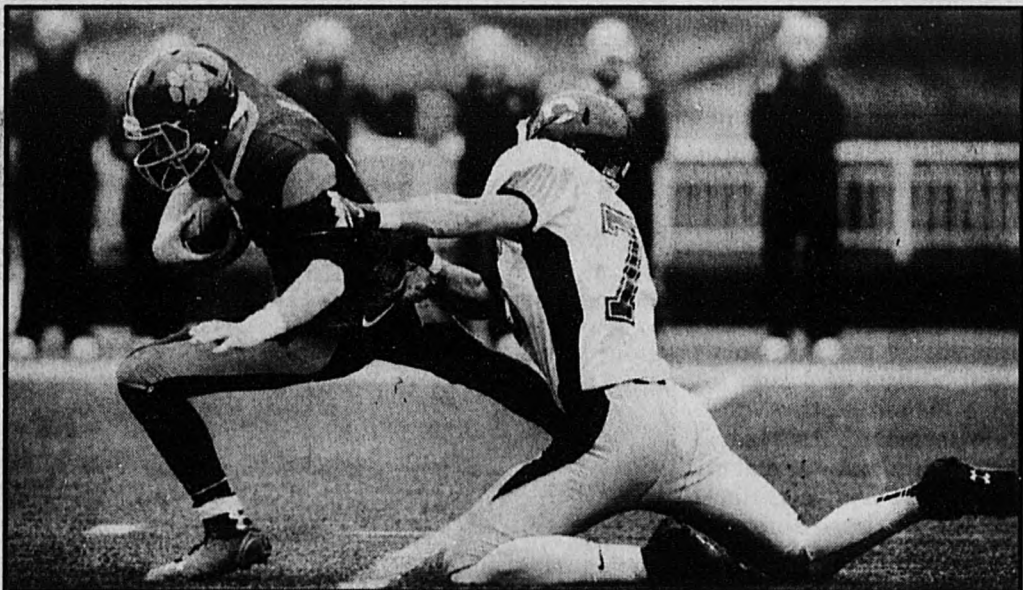
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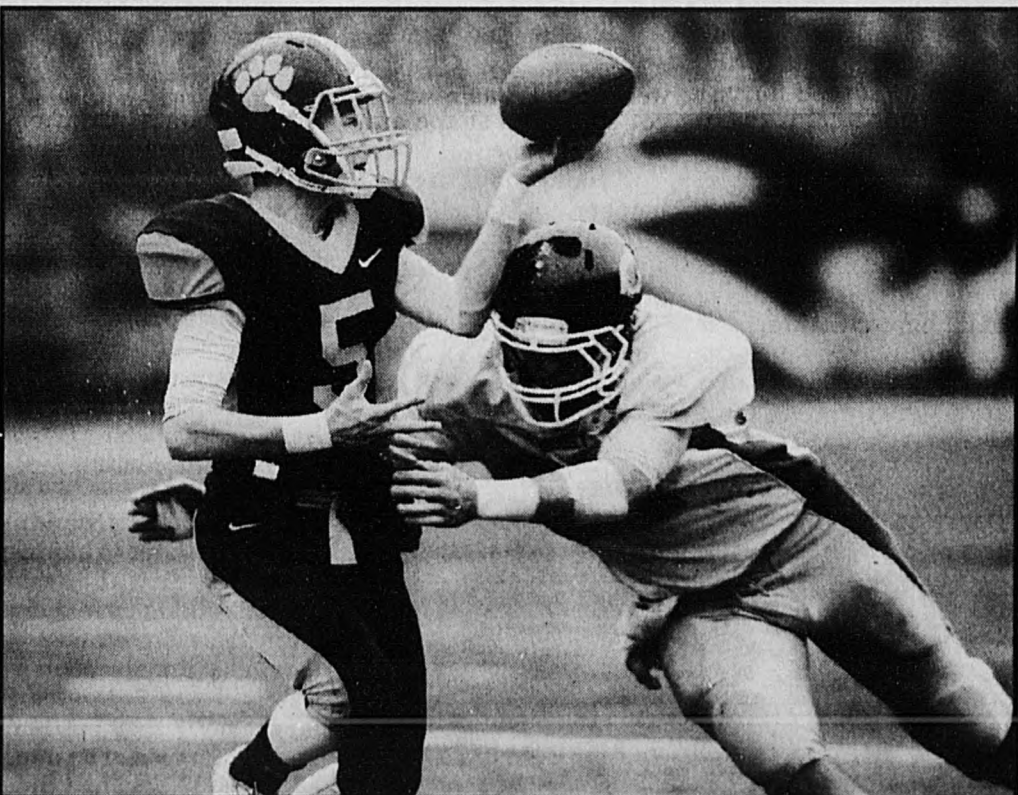
Cohasset QB Daniel Axelson avoids Littleton's Eric Rauker. Cohasset defeated Littleton 35-22 to win the Division 6 Super Bowl State Championship in a game held at Gillette Stadium, Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014.



Cole Kissick celebrates as the team walks off the field victorious. Cohasset defeated Littleton 35-22 to win the Division 6 Super Bowl State Championship in a game held at Gillette Stadium, Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014.



Cohasset Alexander Norton takes down Littleton QB Connor Bassett. Cohasset defeated Littleton 35-22 to win the Division 6 Super Bowl State Championship in a game held at Gillette Stadium, Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014.

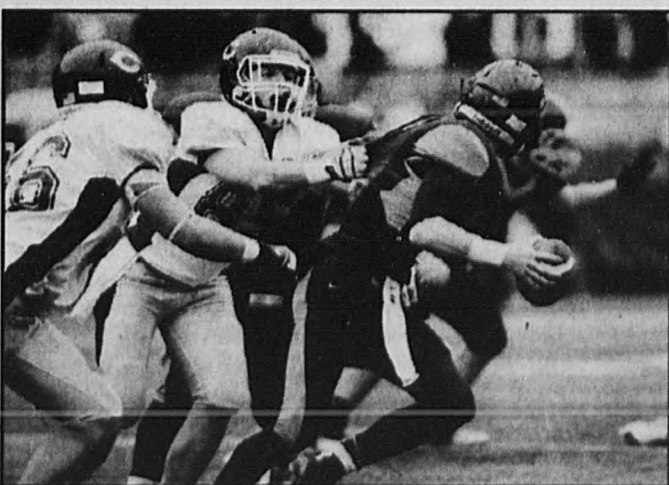


Littleton's Griffin Shoemaker can't quite hang onto a pass before being leveled by Cohasset's Cole Kissick. Cohasset defeated Littleton 35-22 to win the Division 6 Super Bowl State Championship in a game held at Gillette Stadium, Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014.

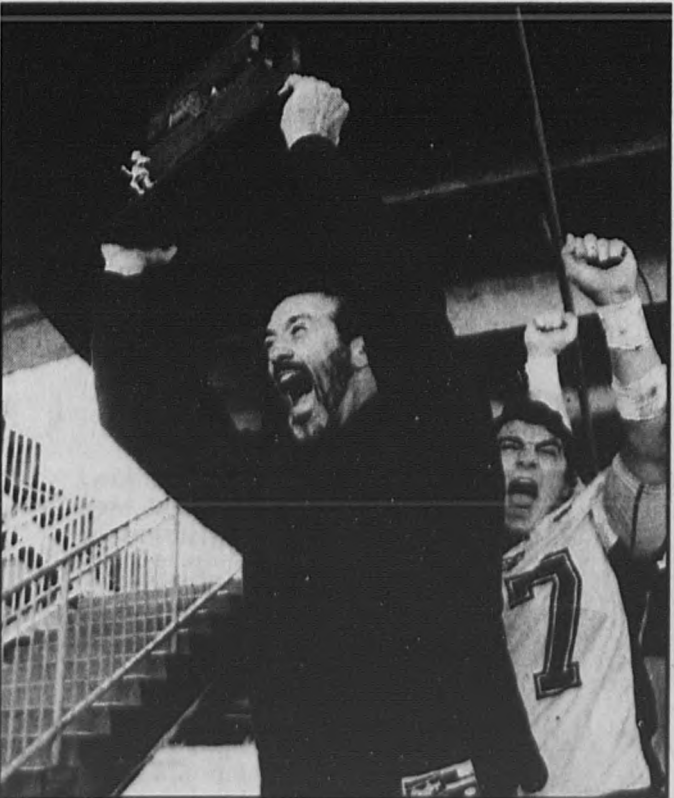


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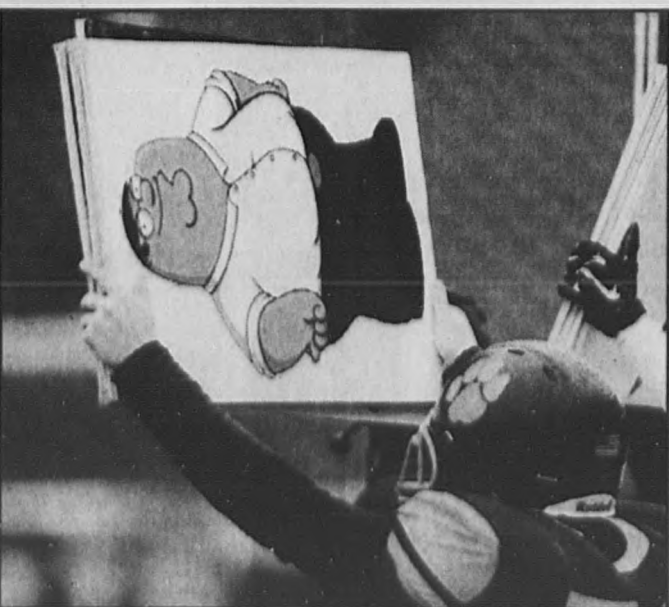
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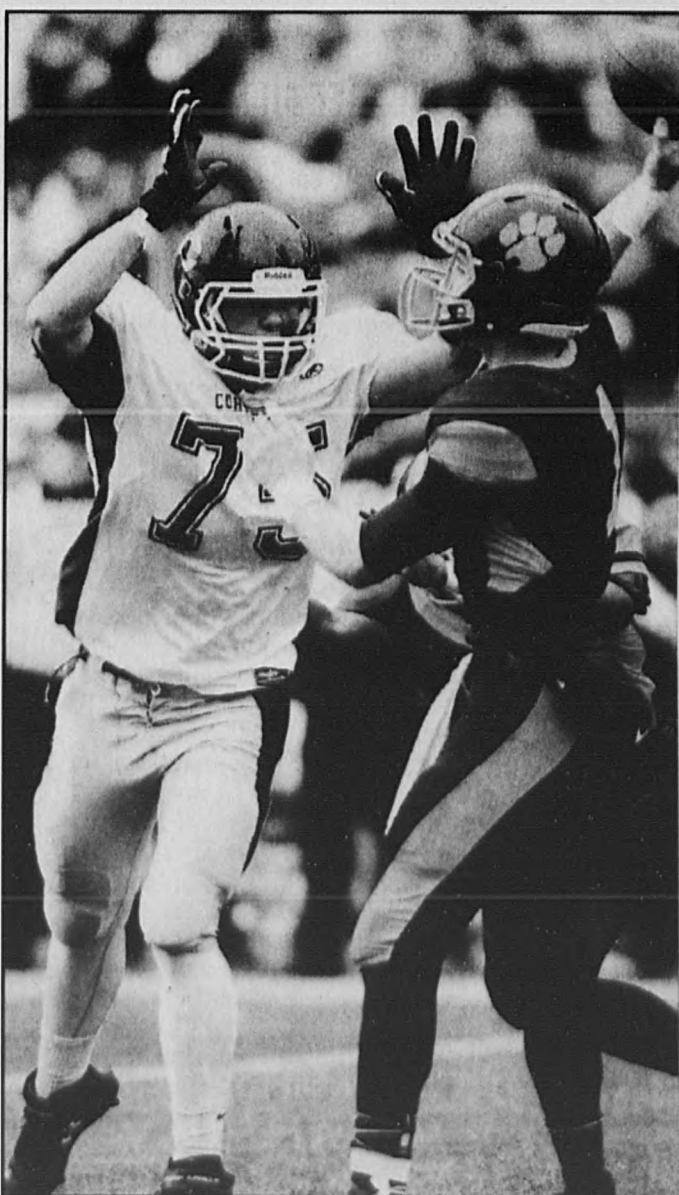
Cohasset's John Donohue puts pressure on Littleton QB Connor Bassett. Cohasset defeated Littleton 35-22 to win the Division 6 Super Bowl State Championship in a game held at Gillette Stadium, Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014.



Cohasset Coach Peter Afanasiw and captain Cole Kissick celebrate as the team accepts their trophy. Cohasset defeated Littleton 35-22 to win the Division 6 Super Bowl State Championship in a game held at Gillette Stadium, Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014.



Littleton used interesting symbols to send plays into the game. Cohasset defeated Littleton 35-22 to win the Division 6 Super Bowl State Championship in a game held at Gillette Stadium, Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014.



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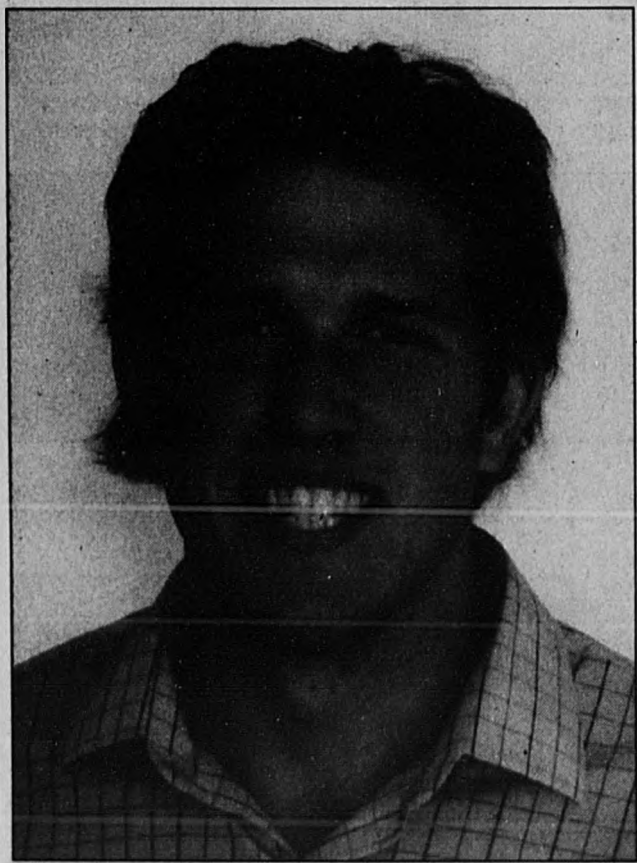
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BUSINESS NOTE



Gordon Smith is sales representative at College Hype. COURTESY PHOTO

Smith named sales representative

College Hype a Dorchester-based company which manufactures and provides quality custom apparel and school uniforms for schools, media outlets and corporate organizations, through both screen printing and embroidery processes, today announced the addition of Gordon Smith of Cohasset, to the position of sales representative.

In this role, he will help the growing company service existing accounts and add new ones, as College Hype expands both its screen-printing and embroidery divisions.

Smith is a recent graduate of the University of

Arizona, where he earned his bachelor's degree. In his spare time, he enjoys sports and plays in a flag football league on the weekends. He also enjoys time at the gym and playing basketball.

Jack Doherty, founder and CEO of College Hype, said, "We welcome Gordon to our team. As we continue to expand our products and services, we believe that an outside sales professional such as Gordon will help us greatly. We are pleased to have him join us."

For additional information on College Hype, visit www.collegehype.com or call 888-983-3625. College Hype is located at 540 Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester.

FIRST-PERSON ACCOUNT

My eye-opening visit to Africa

By Maddy Kerr
Special to the Mariner

When I tell people that I spent three weeks in Africa this summer, the first question I get is: Did you get Ebola or Malaria?

The perception of Africa by Americans compared to the reality I witnessed is dramatically different.

I visited Kenya and Uganda this summer with a group organized by my father's nonprofit company — Elewana Education Project. The purpose of our trip was to give American students an opportunity to learn about life in Africa firsthand and build a greater appreciation for our lives in the States.

First of all, there are more Ebola cases in the United States than in Kenya. In The U.S., there have been four Ebola cases with 2 deaths (cdc.gov). In Kenya, there has one false positive case and zero deaths. Kenya is in Eastern Africa, a whole continent away from the countries in Western Africa that are the most impacted by the disease.

Malaria, on the other hand, is a threat to Africans and visitors. For visitors, simple precautions can help one avoid catching malaria. Getting bitten by a mosquito infected with malaria is most likely to occur at night and is still somewhat unlikely. Only female mosquitoes carry the disease and of the 430 species of mosquitoes, only 30-40 transmit malaria (cdc.gov). We had netted beds, wore clothing at night that covered all skin, and we took pills each morning to protect us from malaria. Unfortunately, most Kenyans do not have mosquito netting and most Kenyans do not have access to malaria-preventing medication. As a matter of fact, many of the African students I met hope to become doctors so that they may prevent others from dying from the simple diseases that killed their brothers or sisters. I was sad to learn how many of their brothers and sisters died at a young age because they had little access to medical care.

The lifestyle of an average Kenyan is entirely different than the lifestyle of most Americans. Homes are several, separate, small, clay cylinders with straw umbrella shaped roofs overhead. People usually have about five of these small structures and a large field in their backyard for crops and animals. Simple appliances that we take for granted, like refrigerators, do not exist. No one saves food for more than a couple days, they will eat what food they have harvested that day or sell it on streets or at a market. Kenyans store dried grains like corn and casava, which they cook when needed.

Almost every road in Africa is dirt; no pavement,



Madeline "Maddy" Kerr showing children in Amagoro the iPhone 5c. COURTESY PHOTOS

making all trips extremely rocky and bumpy; "the African massage." Transportation in villages includes very few matatus (large taxi vans squeezing 15+ people), mopeds, old bikes, and most common; simply walking. People try to fit a maximum of five people on mopeds, and large stacks of hay or other items onto bikes. To buy things in villages, there are a few local markets where piles of clothing and other items lay on the ground waiting to be traded and bargained for.

As for water, people walk an average of two miles to a river or stream with an empty bucket on their heads or, if they are very lucky, use a community bore-hole (water well). The water is brown. People often bath and wash their items in the river as well as throw old objects such as old bikes into the river. People then use this water they carry to wash dishes, clothes, and themselves with, also this is their drinking water. Our toilet water is cleaner than any water many of them will ever have the opportunity to drink, but they have built immunity to their water.

Schools in Kenya are very different and aren't able to afford many materials that come easily to us. The building structure is simple and open, often lacking doors and windows. There are almost no materials. Classrooms have about sixty students and sixty locked wooden cubby desks (their lockers) with a large chalkboard in the front for the teacher. Science labs are just like any other classroom except they have a couple test tubes. One disappointing fact is most students of all ages expect to be beaten with a stick if they behave poorly. An intern at my father's program teaches first grade. She told me the first day when they misbehaved, a student walked to the back of the classroom pulled out a long stick from behind a bookcase and held it out to her. You can always tell what school a student goes to when looking at them because of the color of



Madeline "Maddy" Kerr and her sister Julia visiting Amagoro Primary School.



Students in the Amagoro Primary School.

their uniform. Every school is required to have uniforms mostly because sometimes students can't afford clothing. Many students walk up to three hours to school each day. One of the most advanced boarding schools we visited had 65 people staying in one long room with triple bunk bed frames. The school kitchen was a small room with two massive chair sized pots that most of the time cooked one meal. This dish was called Ugali, which is a dry, plain, flour-tasting substance made from corn (maize). This school was extremely fortunate because there was a well pump in the center where everyone got their water.

It appears to me that the American perception of Kenyans is as misunderstood as their perception of us. The Kenyan perception of Americans/mzungus

(white people) is they know our general location, we are wealthy, powerful, educated people who eat entirely processed food and produce many movies through Hollywood.

Going to Africa taught me what Americans should really be worried about if we want to help African countries. We need to worry about medical care supplies including water to prevent easily curable deaths and education to break the cycle of poverty.

Zachary Drennen, the Executive Director and Founder of Elewana Education Project told me, "Education enables a community to solve its own problems with the resources it has on hand, instead of being permanently dependent on others to help."

Madeline "Maddy" Kerr is an 8th grader at Cohasset Middle School.

THANK YOU

Dinner provided for police and fire

On Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 27), the Thomas and Chenette children took a Thanksgiving dinner to the Cohasset fire and police departments as a thank you for all their hard work throughout the year. The meal was provided by the families of Dr. Kevin Thomas and Dr. Aaron Chenette of Cohasset Dental.



Pictured with the firefighters are: (from left) Thomas Chenette, Hailey Chenette, Sarah Chenette (little one in the middle), Abby Thomas, Regan Thomas and Anna Thomas. Firefighters are starting third from left: FF James Mellen, FF Kevin Donovan, Lieutenant Rob Forde and Captain Randy Belanger. COURTESY PHOTO



Young 'Gym Explorers' gather together before splitting up into teams.

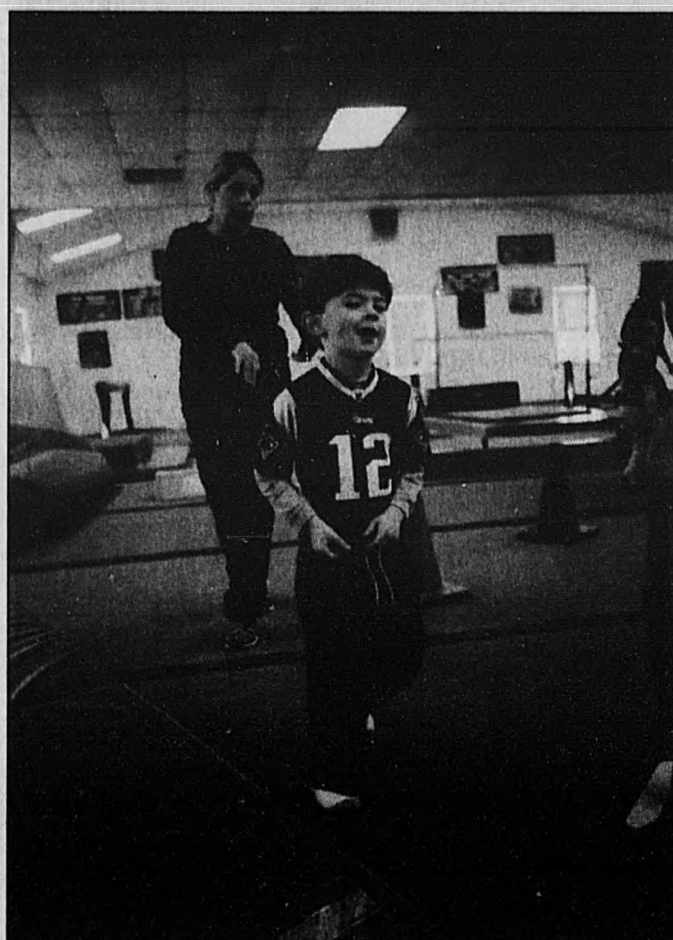
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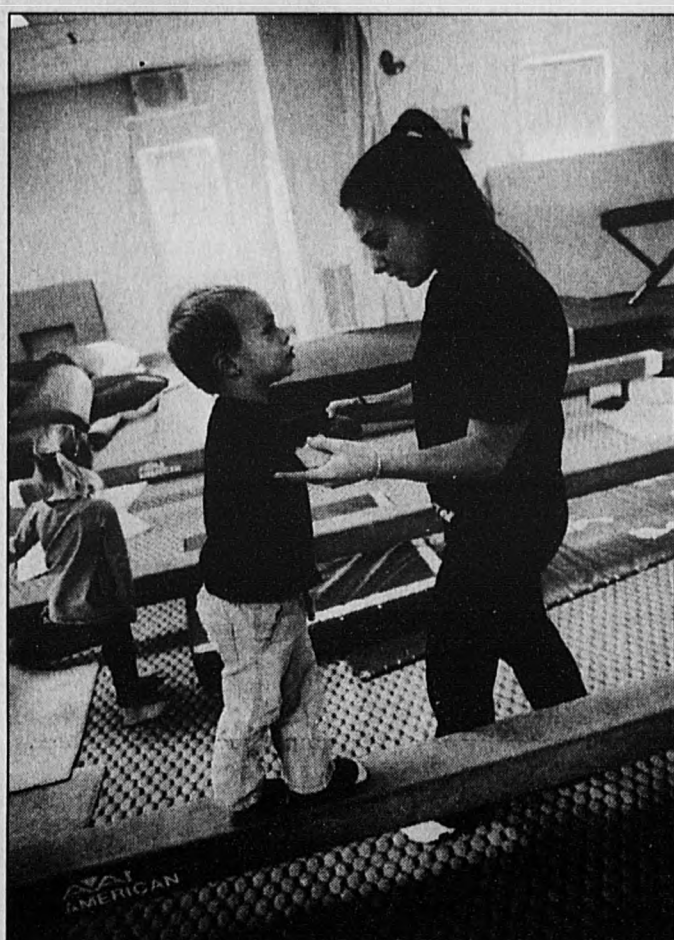


Instructor Ruthann Ardizzoni looks on as Reese Santarocce, 4, leaps with enthusiasm onto the uneven bars.

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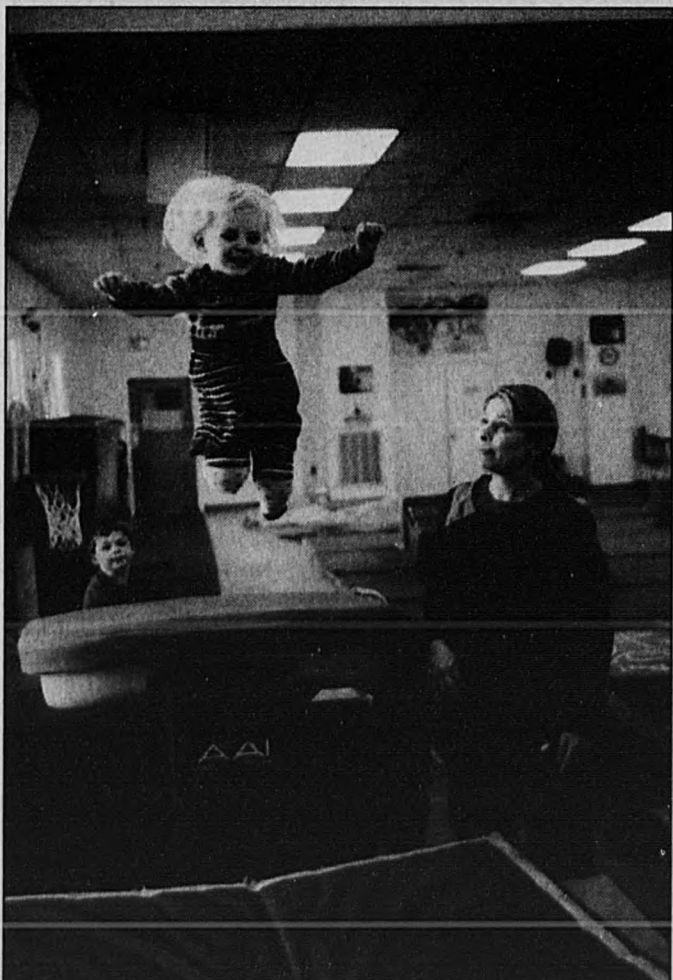
Brody Fitzgerald, 3, enjoys marching to music with his fellow "Gym Explorers".



Instructor Cassie Pacella works closely with 3 yr old Parker Appel on the balance beam.



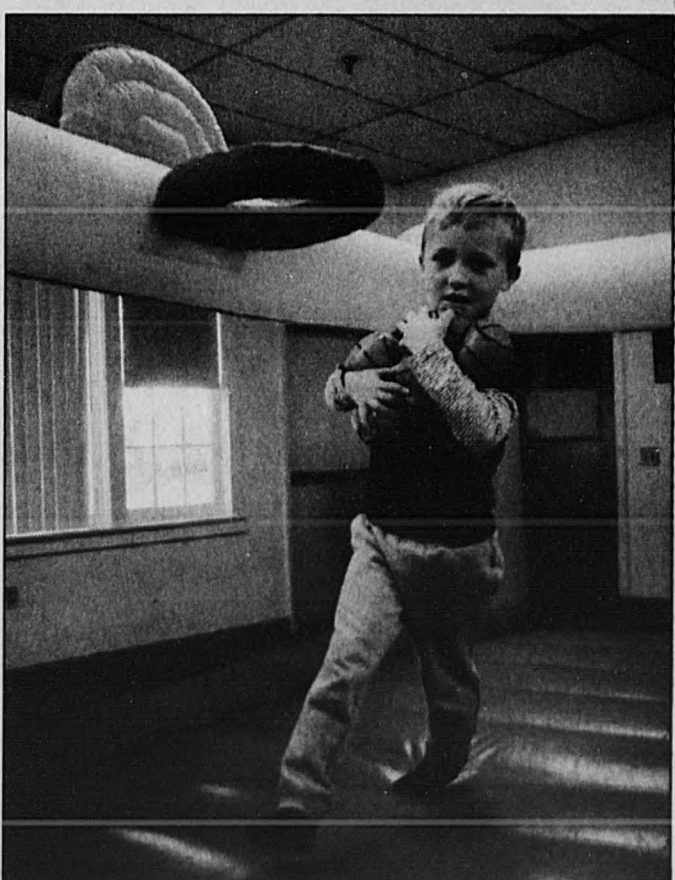
Instructor Andrea Martone looks on as 3 yr old Henry Gallagher leaps from the vault with great excitement.



Sabella Dodge, 3, bounding high from the vault with a big smile.



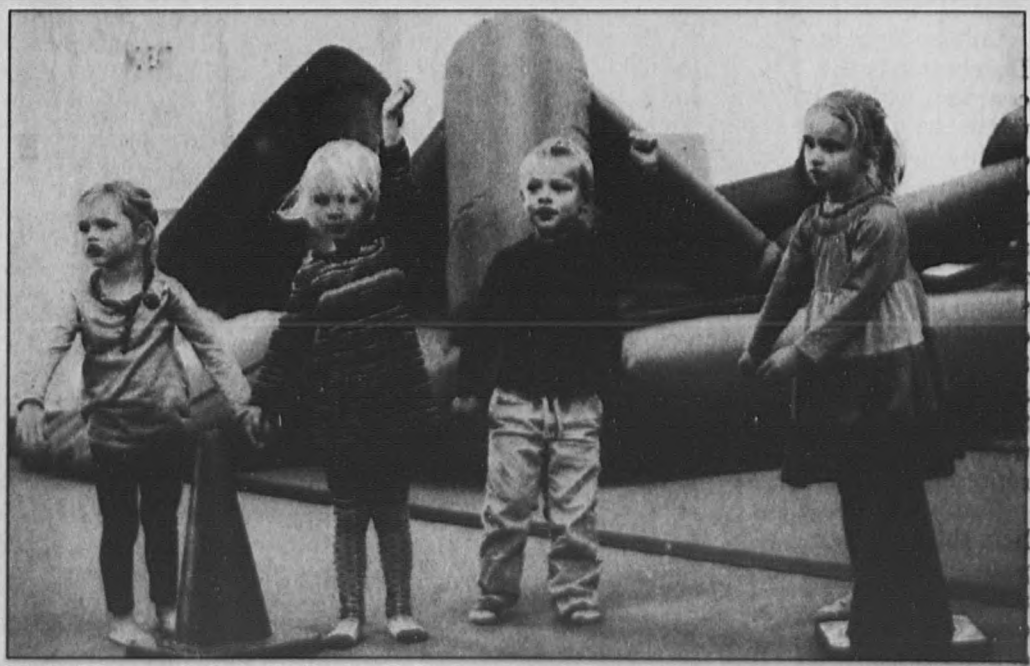
Katie Post, 4, leaps fearlessly from the balance beam as instructor Cassie Pacella looks on (R).



James Sunday, 5, races around a bounce house while juggling basketballs.



Jack Gallagher, 3, (center) enjoys chasing down bubbles with his fellow 'Gym Explorers'.



Molly Kiernan, 3, Sabella Dodge, 3, Parker Appel, 3, and Hanne Trulsson, 4, (L-R), doing warm up stretches to music and song.



Ken Gloss of the Brattle Book Store and Antiques Roadshow discusses book appraisals Thursday, December 4, 2014, at Pratt Library in Cohasset.

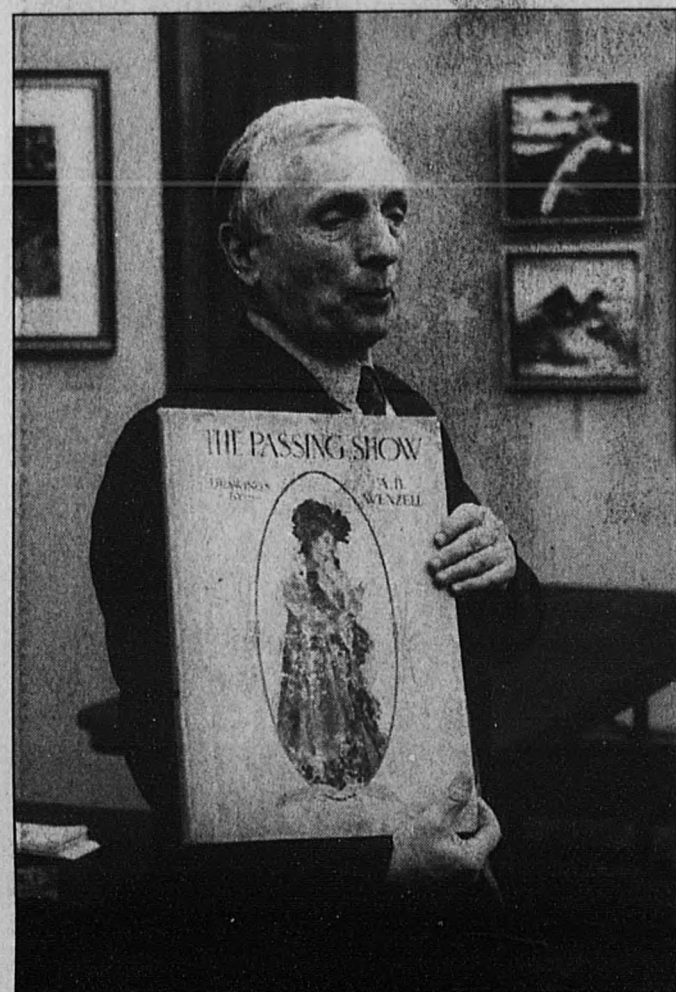


Ken Gloss of the Brattle Book Store pages through a copy of Deeds of Valor by Beyer and Keydel.

Old books, new fans

Ken Gloss gives book talk at library

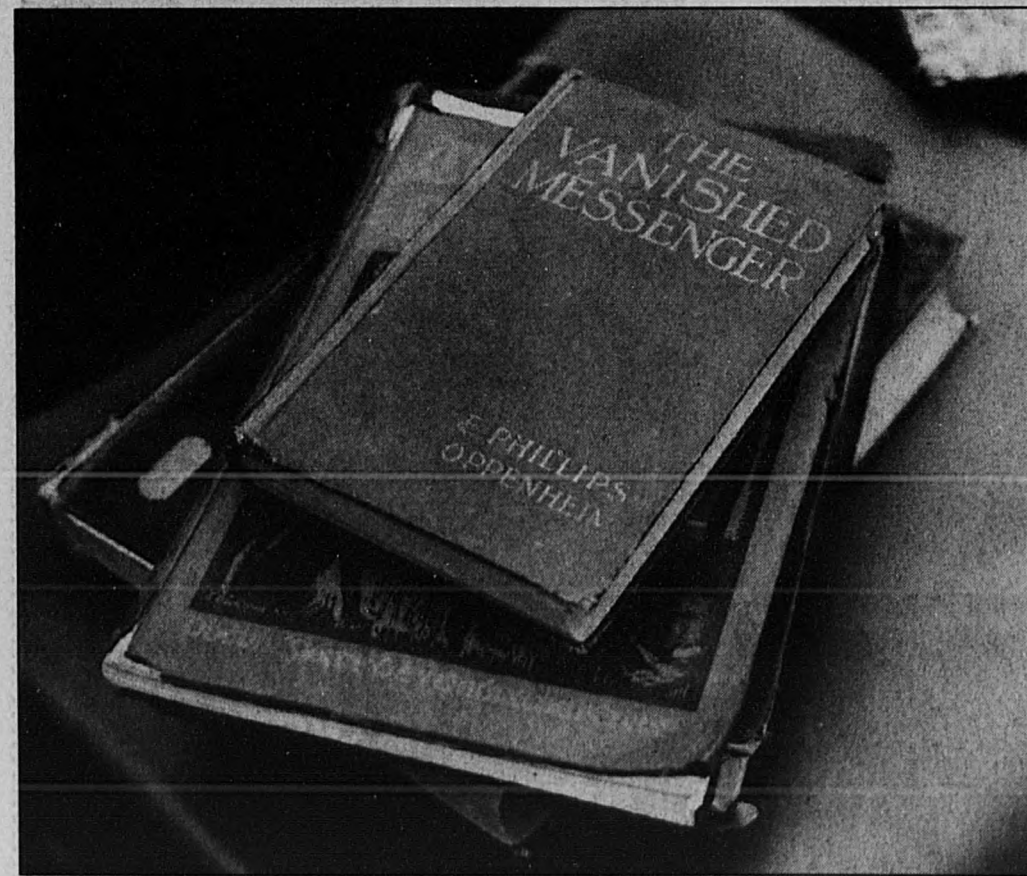
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Ken Gloss of the Brattle Book Store appraises a book for \$25-\$30 based on its condition and its rarity.



Braintree's Cara Connors brings books to be appraised by Ken Gloss of the Brattle Book Store.



A variety of books are brought in for appraisal.



Cohasset's Carolyn Coffey gets an appraisal on her first Random House edition of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde, with a handwritten manuscript page by Robert Louis Stevenson by Ken Gloss of the Brattle Book Store.



People line up to get their books appraised by Ken Gloss of the Brattle Book Store



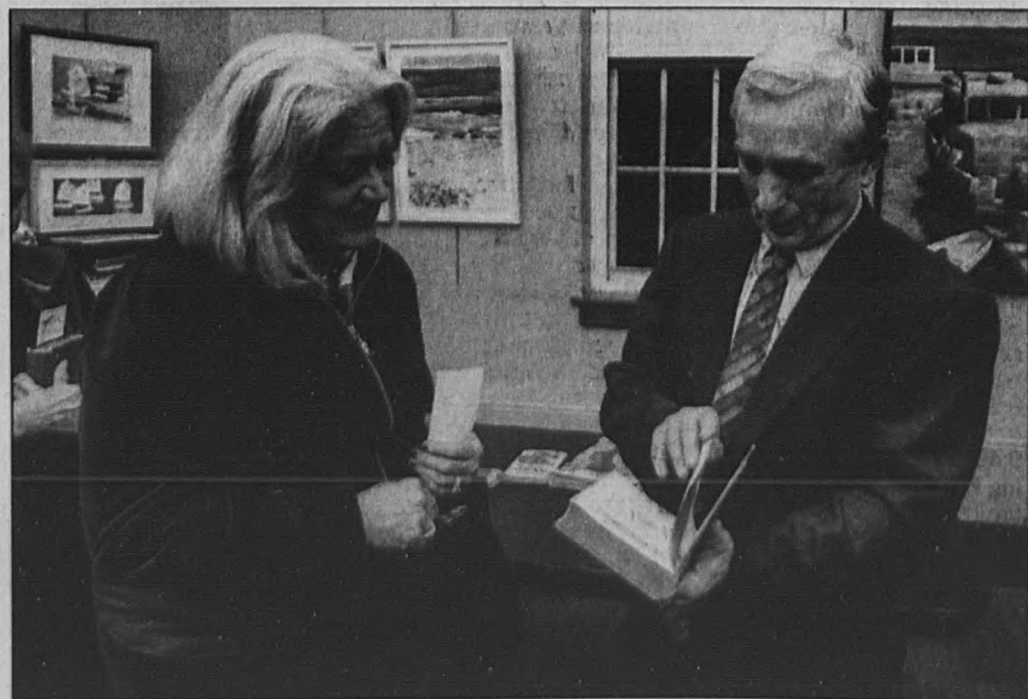
Braintree's Richard McDermott brought in his 1876 Bible for appraisal



People gather to hear Ken Gloss of the Brattle Book Store talk about book appraisals.



Ken Gloss of the Brattle Book Store looks at an 1876 Bible owned by Braintree's Richard McDermott Thursday, December 4, 2014, at Pratt Library in Cohasset. Gloss said the book has more "sentimental value" than "commercial value."



Cohasset's Estey Manning gets her copy of The Second Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling appraised by Ken Gloss of the Brattle Book Store.

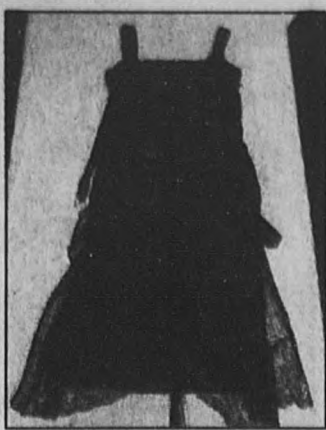
COHASSET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Adopters still needed for 'Dressing for Downton'

Work is well underway for the Cohasset Historical Society's "Dressing for Downton" exhibit opening in January. The mannequins are being dressed, wigs styled and the rich history of these special garments from the early 20th century will soon be shared.

The "Dressing for Downton" will feature garments worn during the same time period as the "Downton Abbey" television series (1912 to 1925) and draw parallels between England's nobility and Cohasset's well-heeled summer residents. The exhibit includes many pieces from the society's extensive textile collection, many of them never displayed before.

The "Adopt-A-Gown" program is still underway. Fifteen garments are still waiting for sponsorship from the community. Some of them needed extensive restoration work to be displayed. One of those garments is a red and green beaded brocade flapper gown once owned by Cohasset socialite – and the wife of Patriot Ledger publisher, G. Prescott Low – Mrs. Felice Low. "This is one of the showstopper pieces (of the exhibit). It's a true Charleston dress," says Marie Schlag of The Studio for Textile Conservation based in North Scituate. She has been working for months to get the society's garments ready for display. "It's going



This festive red and green dress was owned by Cohasset resident Felice Low. It required significant conservation work to get it ready for display. The photograph does not do the detail justice. COURTESY PHOTO

to look as best as it can look for its age."

The Cohasset Historical Society is still seeking adopters for 15 of the garments. The red and green dress, because of the extensive work that needed to be done and intricate details of the gown, is on the higher end of the scale. The society is hopeful a group might get together to help defray the cost. There are still pieces for every budget available, from \$50 to \$950. The tax-deductible donations will go directly toward the restoration and conservation of these garments for the future. A special afternoon tea will be held on Sunday, Jan. 25 for all who adopt a

dress (and a guest) allowing for an intimate look at the restored garments.

Buy your tickets

The exhibit will open at the Pratt Building on Saturday, Jan. 10 with a fabulous cocktail party to rival Downton's balls. The night will include hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and live music from the period. Event is 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$130 per person and space is limited. "There have been Downton Abbey parties all over, but this is a chance to come to unique one right in your hometown," says Lynne DeGiacomo, director of the historical society.

Dressing in the style of the era is welcomed, but certainly not required. All the proceeds from the event go toward furthering the organization's mission to preserve and present Cohasset's history. A whiskey tasting event – just for men – rounds out the special events surrounding the exhibit on Friday, Jan. 30, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The Cohasset Historical Society will be transformed into the style of a British manor. Reservations required.

For more information about the Adopt-A-Gown campaign, or to reserve tickets for the events, call the Cohasset Historical Society, 106 South Main St., Cohasset at 781-383-1434.

COHASSET POLICE/FIRE LOG

Monday, Dec. 1

8:01 a.m. **Clay Spring Road**, found property.
8:51 a.m. **Arrowwood St.**, police department investigation.
9:39 a.m. **King St.**, Sunrise, medical aid.
11:39 a.m. **Old Pasture Road**, past break. Party into headquarters to report a past break.
12:37 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle crash; unknown injury. Minor accident. All parties declining any injuries.
12:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic hazard. Caller into headquarters reports timing on the lights are off. Both green at the same time. Officer reports lights appear to be functioning normally.
1:08 p.m. **Hobart Lane**, medical aid.
1:29 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, directed patrol.
2:55 p.m. **Cedar St.**, animal call. Injured deer is in her neighbor's yard on Cedar Street.
4:02 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid.
5:23 p.m. **N. Main St.**, Wheelwright Park, animal call. Caller reporting an injured deer that appears to have been hit by a vehicle at the entrance to the park.
5:30 p.m. **Reservoir Road**, past break. Caller states his vehicle was part of the string of break ins and would like to file a report. A couple of Dunkin Donuts gift cards were taken. Vehicle was unlocked at the time.
7:26 p.m. **King St.**, Sunrise, medical aid.
7:26 p.m. **N. Main St.**, First Parish Church, medical aid.
7:32 p.m. **King St.**, Sunrise, medical aid.

Tuesday, Dec. 2

5:51 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, animal call. Caller reports her yellow lab got out and wanted the information logged in.
7:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, animal call. There is an injured cat in the roadway just before the Pond Street intersection by the Stop & Shop.
7:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, minor motor vehicle crash.
8:52 a.m. **Forest Avenue**, co alarm. No readings in the house.
9:30 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, traffic enforcement.
9:49 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, Stop & Shop, fire investigation-report of a car leaking gas.
9:53 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, motor vehicle stop; citation issued.
9:55 a.m. **Pond St.**, Cohasset Jr./Sr High School, larceny report.
10:27 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, Cohasset Consignment Shop, gas inside; odor of gas or sewer inside.

10:28 a.m. **Elm St.**, water leak. National Grid gas reports a 1-inch water line has been struck during construction. Water department advised.
10:33 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, medical aid.
11:12 a.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid.
11:50 a.m. **Elm St.**, CPD, larceny report. Larceny into a motor vehicle.
12:34 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, lock in out. House lock out. Access gained through a side window.
1:02 p.m. **S. Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; citation issued.
2:42 p.m. **Cedar Lane**, lock in out. Elder female locked out of her home. Small screen broken to make entry. Owner is aware.
3:38 p.m. **S. Main St.**, suspicious vehicle. Caller reports SUV parked across the street that has been there for a few days. Vehicle belongs to an individual on another street. Will be speaking to them to inquire as to why it is at this location.
4:34 p.m. **Black Rock Road**, traffic hazard. Caller reports traffic is being diverted down Black Rock Road due to movie filming. The traffic is very heavy and people are turning around in driveways, caller is concerned there will be an accident.
4:39 p.m. **King St.**, Marylous, motor vehicle crash; unknown injury. Scituate Collision advised and responding.
6:02 p.m. **Black Rock Road**, motor vehicle stop; civil violation for 94C.
6:32 p.m. **Black Rock Road**, detail completed, everything is now back to normal.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

6:47 a.m. **N. Main St. and Ripley Road**, motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.
8:03 a.m. **King St.**, Sunrise, medical aid.
8:44 a.m. **Beach St. and Highland Avenue**, traffic hazard. A truck has dropped cement in roadway/truck is cleaning it up.
10:02 a.m. **King St.**, directed patrol.
10:20 a.m. **King St.**, Sunrise, well being check.
10:29 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop; citation issued.
10:34 a.m. **S. Main St.**, Pilgrim Bank, parking complaint. Caller reports he is now blocked in. He is at the bank and cannot leave. Vehicle cited for illegal turn.
11:05 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, directed patrol.
11:14 a.m. **Windy Hill Road**, motor vehicle stop; citation issued.
11:21 a.m. **Beach St.**, larceny report.
3:03 p.m. **Gammons Road and Joy Place**, suspicious activity. Caller reports a black pickup truck is parked at the corner. Caller is concerned that the male party has a gun and may be hunting in the

back. A large dark object in his hands and was headed towards Joy Place. No male found in the area after a search.
3:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, CVS Pharmacy, medical aid.
3:15 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, fire, building structure. Caller reports her stove is on fire. Same states it's electric and the element is burning.
3:49 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, medical aid.
4:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle. Caller reports a dark colored sedan is parked in a bad spot near the entrance to Shaw's; afraid it will cause an accident. Shaw's employee and the father just arrived. The vehicle is out of gas. Motor vehicle removed.
5:36 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, traffic enforcement.
8:38 p.m. **King St.**, Sunrise, medical aid.

Thursday, Dec. 4

7:08 a.m. **Atlantic Avenue**, directed patrol.
7:10 a.m. **Howe Road**, directed patrol.
10:16 a.m. **Bayberry Lane**, medical aid.
11:12 a.m. **S. Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.
11:21 a.m. **S. Main St.**, animal call. There is a dead cat in the middle of the road.
11:22 a.m. **S. Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; citation issued.
12:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, tree down. There is a limb in the road in the southbound lane; requesting National Grid to the scene.
2:02 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, traffic enforcement.
7 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, community service, traffic enforcement.
6:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop; citation issued.
7:02 p.m. **Norfolk Road**, animal call. Resident reports his large tan shepherd type dog escaped from the yard. Owner and dog reunited.
7:20 p.m. **Doane St.**, suspicious activity heading towards Beechwood, kids ran up to neighbor's house, dark clothing rushed his front door and then ran back into a vehicle. Teenagers vehicle heading towards Beechwood. Only description was dark clothing work by all involved. Officer will make frequent checks of the area.
7:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, Fiori's Gulf, well being check. A male in a minivan driver's seat at the gas pumps is sleeping in the vehicle. Caller is a worker at Dunkin Donuts. Nothing showing – no van in the area.
7:49 p.m. **Doane St.**, suspicious activity. Caller reports the same people just came back, silver vehicle and sped away. Two got out of the vehicle, wearing hoodies.

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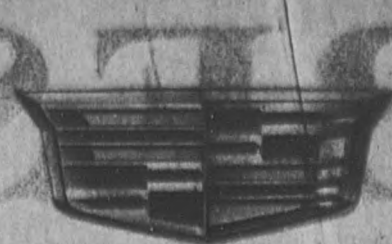
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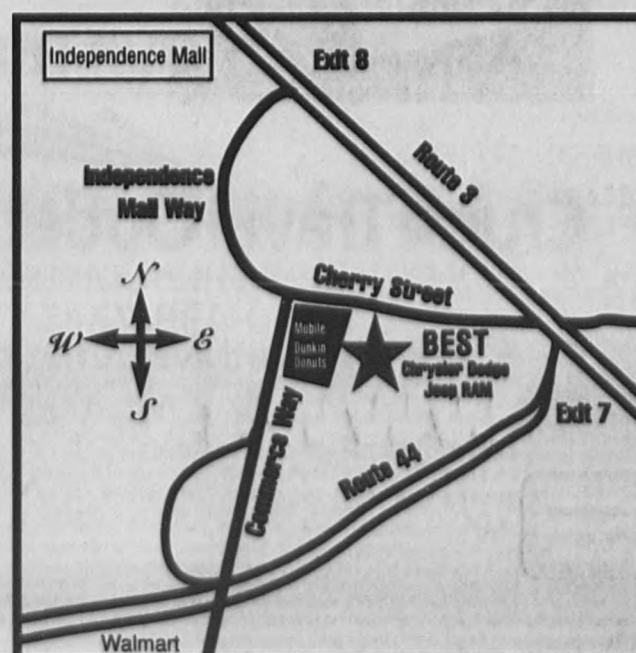
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Flip hopes a family will flip over him!

By Casey Fredette

At 14 pounds, six years old, Flip has lots of life and love to give. This orange tiger has lived his entire life indoors with a loving family. Every shelter cat has his own, often sad, story. Flip is no exception; he was happily living his life with his longtime owner, safe and comfortable in "his" home. Unfortunately his owner was not well, suffering from Multiple Sclerosis, a degenerative nervous system disease. Over time as the owner worsened, it became increasingly dangerous to have the cat underfoot. Finally the difficult decision was made to move Flip to Hull Seaside Animal Rescue.

All too often our three-plus year old cats are overlooked; considered too old. At 6 years old Flip isn't even middle aged yet! He has plenty of life in him. Flip is much calmer than a kitten, enjoying time spent on a windowsill. His generally calm nature doesn't mean he doesn't still enjoy playtime — Flip appreciates wand toys and laser light play. He's even game for interacting with all the other cats. Flip is by no means an old cat; he is a very healthy, mature boy. With an adult cat you get to skip the kitten phase. No shelf clearing exploration, no middle of the night acrobatics across your bed, just a heap of affection and lots of sleep and lap time.

Kittens have many perks,



At 6 years old Flip isn't even middle-aged yet! He has plenty of life in him. COURTESY PHOTO

He is hoping to be able to find his final home and family and to be able to take up residence on a comfortable windowsill.

but people often overlook the perks that accompany an adult cat. Regularly, cats over two years old are left in shelters far too long while kittens leave within a fraction of the time.

Flip is hoping to be one of the lucky adults... one who doesn't have to make his home in the shelter for many months. He is hoping to be able to find his final home and family and to be able to take up residence on a comfortable windowsill. Flip has a lot to give; he's just waiting for his chance.

Considering giving Flip his chance? Come meet him! It's easy: open hours are Monday 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays 2 to 3

p.m. Looking for more information on Flip or any of our other cats or kittens? Call Judy, adoption coordinator at 781-534-4902 to learn more or to schedule a visit. **Spay Day**

Our next low cost spay day is Dec. 29th. Call Casey, shelter manager at 781-925-3121 or email hsar@verizon.net to reserve a space for your cat. Space is limited so book your spot today on the Animal Rescue League's Spay Waggin'. The \$100 fee includes: physical exam, surgery, rabies and distemper vaccine, and flea treatment.

Casey Fredette is the shelter manager at Hull Seaside Animal Rescue.

SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY CENTER

Two holiday programs offered

The South Shore Community Center is offering two holiday programs this December. There is limited availability so call now at 781-383-0088 to register or you can go online at: www.southshorecommunitycenter.com.

Mom's Morning Out: for children ages 3 to 5 held at the SSCC on Dec. 23 and 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Cohasset. Mamasteph will begin the day with holiday songs and music at 9:30 a.m.; Czajak will read and sign his book, "Monster Needs A Christmas Tree" beginning at 10:30 a.m.; and Santa will arrive at

11 a.m. Adult authors Dempsey and Macmillan will sign their book, "Hingham Through Time" from 2 to 4 p.m. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 for more information.

OPEN HOUSE

Carriage House Nursery School

Carriage House Nursery School is having its annual Open House on Saturday, Jan. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon. Parents and children are invited to come and explore the classrooms.

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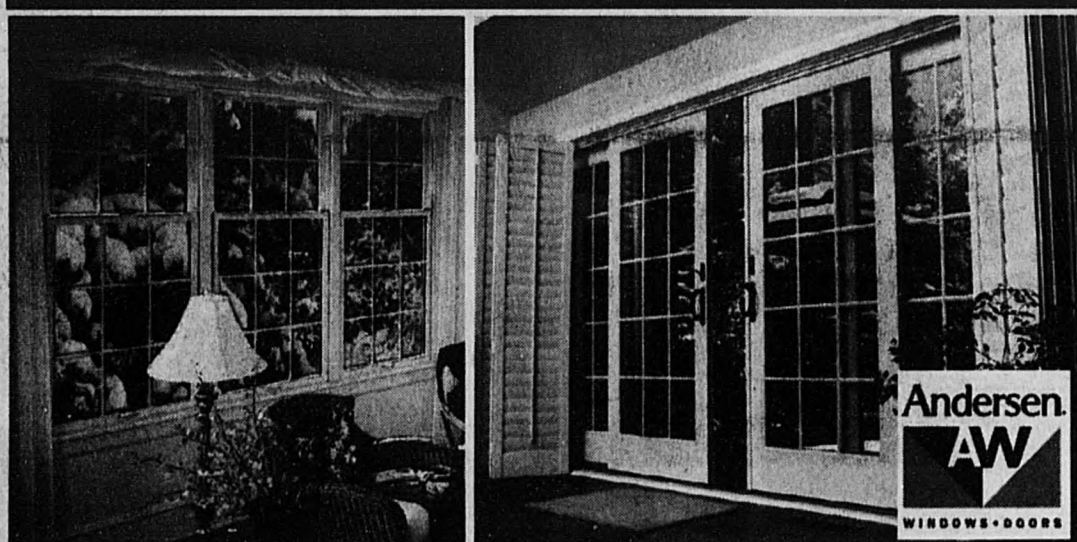


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FOOD

'Happy Herbivore Holidays & Gatherings' by Lindsay S. Nixon

Best-selling vegan author Lindsay S. Nixon brings "healthy" and "holidays" together in her new book, filled with easy recipes that celebrate and define our favorite occasions throughout the year. From an elaborate, crowd-pleasing Thanksgiving, to a no-fuss, but dazzling New Year's Eve or cocktail party, to omnivore-approved potlucks such as Super Bowl Sunday, to summer fresh barbecues and picnics, and quick-fix casual dinner parties or lazy Sunday brunches with friends. — *BenBella Books*

TIP OF THE WEEK

Meal planning made easy

A busy schedule may make you think that eating out is faster than cooking at home, but it is possible to reduce the time you spend in the kitchen — and the money you spend from your wallet by planning meals ahead of time and making one large grocery trip each week. To make meal-planning easy, keep these low-cost, highly versatile ingredients on hand:

Beans: Not only are they a great source of protein, but you can use them in a variety of dishes, including salads, soups and chili.

Grains: Easy to buy in bulk for extra savings, grains such as quinoa, brown rice or barley store easily in an air-fresh container and can serve as a foundation to any meal.

Frozen steam-in bag veggies: Frozen vegetables offer the same nutritional value as fresh ones with the convenience of microwave cooking in less than five minutes. What's more, you can use them to make a variety of meals from pasta dishes to casseroles.

— *Brandpoint*

NUMBER TO KNOW

\$1K: According to Forbes, American adults spend nearly a thousand dollars every year eating out for lunch.

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EASY RECIPE

Peppermint Mocha Cheesecake

- 2 cups ground chocolate-mint sandwich cookies
- 3 packages cream cheese
- 1 cup powdered peppermint coffee creamer
- ¼ cup granulated sugar, divided
- 3 large eggs
- 1 16-ounce container sour cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350. Grease bottom and side of 9-inch springform pan.

Press cookie crumbs onto bottom of prepared pan. Place in freezer for 5 minutes.

Beat cream cheese, creamer and ¼ cup sugar in bowl until creamy. Beat in eggs one at a time. Pour filling into crust.

Bake for 45 to 50 minutes, or until edges are set but center still moves slightly.

Combine sour cream, remaining sugar and vanilla extract in medium bowl; mix well. Spread over surface of cheesecake. Bake for 5 minutes. Remove from oven and cool. Refrigerate for several hours.

— *Brandpoint*

FOOD QUIZ

The characters on which classic TV program were big fans of cheesecake?

- A. "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"
- B. "Laverne and Shirley"
- C. "The Golden Girls"
- D. "The Odd Couple"

Answer at bottom of rail.

WORD TO THE WISE

Chinois: If you want to make sure your cheesecake, ice cream, pudding, quiche filling or pumpkin pie has a smooth, uniform texture, use a fine-meshed sieve or a fine chinois to strain the custard before cooking.

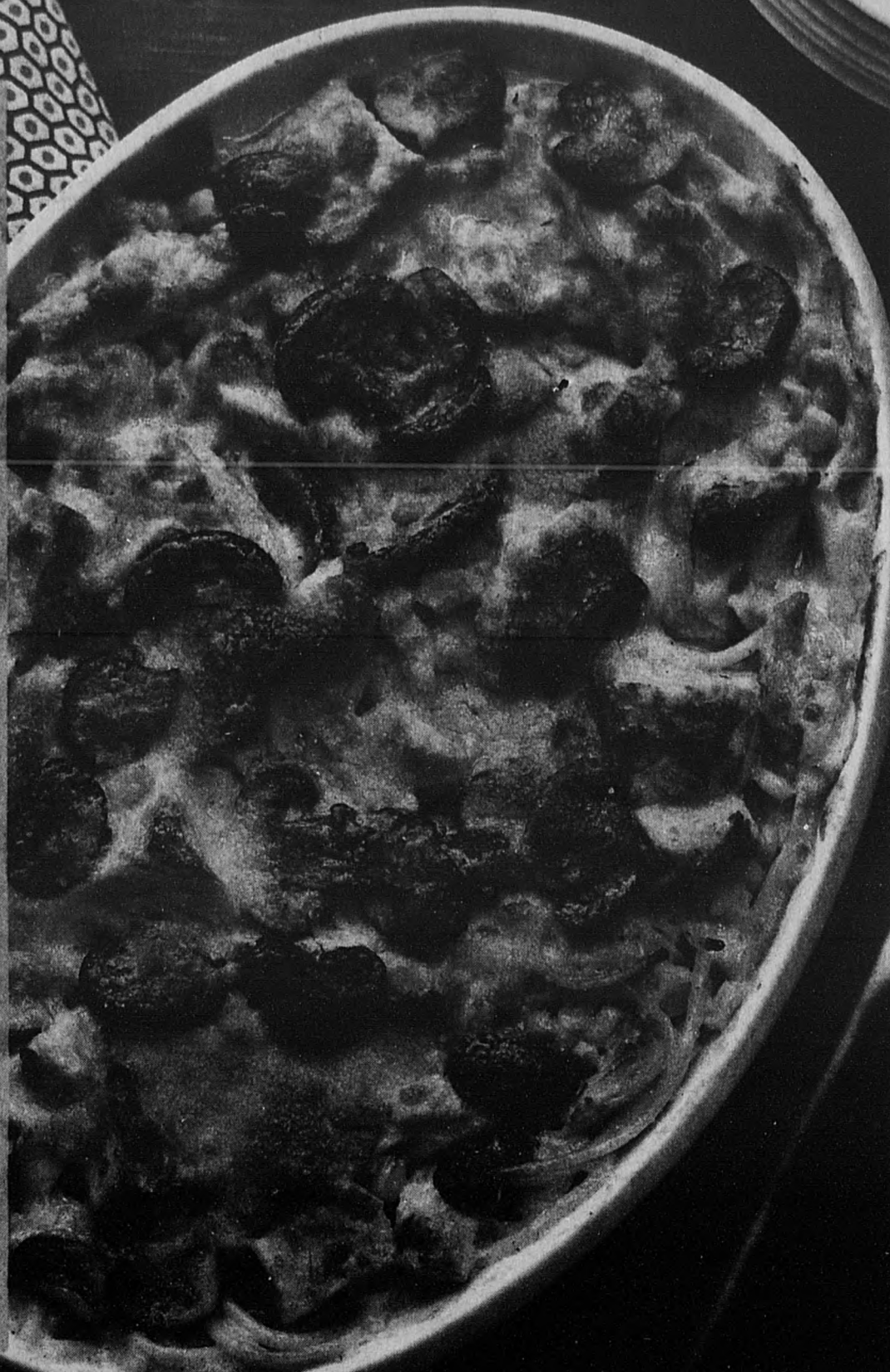
— *Cookthink*

FOOD QUIZ ANSWER

C. The cast of "The Golden Girls" is said to have eaten around 100 cheesecakes while filming the show.

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Hitting the high notes



Turkey Tetrazzini may have been inspired by opera singer

By the editors of Relish Magazine

There is something about opera singers that sends chefs scurrying to their stoves.

In 1892, Auguste Escoffier, chef extraordinaire at the Savoy Hotel in London, was so taken with Australian soprano Dame Nellie Melba that he created Peach Melba, an ice cream sundae with peaches and raspberries. In Baltimore in 1987, Mimmo Cricchio, chef-owner of Da Mimmo, tossed together a tortellini dish with roasted peppers and dill for tenor Luciano Pavarotti.

Chicken Tetrazzini, too, is connected to a singer. Food historians say the dish was created in San Francisco and named for Luisa Tetrazzini, an enormously popular soprano in the early 20th century. It's a real crowd-pleaser of a casserole, and a perfect dish to make with leftover Thanksgiving turkey.

Breaking the spaghetti in half before adding to the pot makes it easier to serve. To thaw the corn, you can empty it into a strainer and drain the hot spaghetti over the top. After rinsing, transfer the pasta to the baking pan.

Golden brown on top and bubbling at the edges, the dish makes a spectacular presentation. Set it on a trivet when it comes out of the oven and use a large spoon for serving.

Turkey Tetrazzini

Serves 6

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 8 ounces uncooked spaghetti, broken in half
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 (8-ounce) package sliced mushrooms
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 (14-ounce) can reduced-sodium chicken broth
- ¾ cup heavy cream
- ¾ cup whole milk
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 3 tablespoons dry sherry
- 3 cups chopped cooked turkey (2-inch pieces), about 1 pound
- 1 ½ cups frozen corn kernels, thawed
- ½ cup (2 ounces) grated Parmigiano Reggiano cheese

Preheat oven to 425 Fahrenheit. Coat a 13-by-9-inch baking pan or shallow 3-quart baking dish with cooking spray.

Cook spaghetti according to package directions. Drain, rinse under cool water and drain again. Spread evenly in pan.

Melt butter in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms and cook, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned, about 4 minutes. Add flour and stir to combine. Add broth, cream, milk, nutmeg, salt and pepper. Cook, stirring often, until mixture comes to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 2 minutes, stirring often. Stir in sherry. Remove from heat and stir in turkey and corn. Spoon over spaghetti and sprinkle with cheese.

Bake 20 minutes, or until golden brown and bubbling.

Tired of turkey? Trade fowl for fish

Like most cooks, I'm emerging from a turkey coma, tired of rearranging turkey slices, disguising leftover dressing and mashed potatoes and turning root vegetables into soup. The whole family wants something different, and parents, conscious of healthy eating, don't want to head to the drive-up window.

So the following recipe might sustain a cook for a bit.

Not a hint of turkey or any other roasted bird. Filling and delicious, the flavors are sophisticated but not overwhelming for children.

Sell these to the kids as "burgers" in buns with lettuce and tomato. Never mention fish or spinach. Dolloped in dill sauce



LINDA BASSETT

instead of less-healthy mayo.

Reach Linda Bassett by email at KitchenCall@aol.com. Read Linda's blog at LindaBCooks.wordpress.com. Follow Linda for quick recipes on Twitter at @KitchenCall.

Potato, Salmon, Spinach Patties with Dill Cream

- Makes 12 patties
- 10 ounces frozen chopped spinach, thawed
- 2 cups mashed potatoes, chilled
- 6 ounces cooked salmon fillet, flaked
- 2 ½ cups bread crumbs or panko
- 4 large eggs
- Salt, pepper
- ¼ cup flour
- Oil, for frying
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- Salt
- 1 cup Greek yogurt
- ¼ cup chopped fresh dill

Squeeze the water from the spinach. Transfer to bowl; add potatoes, salmon, bread crumbs, 2 eggs, salt, pepper. Mix well.

Set up three plates, one with flour, a second with the egg mixture, a third with bread crumbs.

Form the spinach mixture into 3-inch patties, ¾-inch thick. Bread them by dipping each one, in order, into flour, eggs and bread crumbs. Transfer to the baking sheet. Cover with plastic wrap; chill

30 minutes, up to 4 hours.

Heat oil in a skillet on medium-high heat. Cook patties in batches, turning once, until golden, 3 minutes per side. Transfer to paper towels to drain, keep warm in 200 Fahrenheit oven.

To make the dill cream, mash garlic and salt into a paste; stir in Greek yogurt, dill, and pepper.

Cauliflower Soup with Pancetta

Makes 4 to 6 servings

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- ¼ pound thickly sliced pancetta, in ¼-inch dice
- 1 small yellow onion, finely diced, soaked in cold water, and patted dry
- 2 carrots, in ¼-inch dice
- Salt, pepper, to taste
- 4 cups chicken stock
- 1 medium cauliflower (about 1-½ pounds) cut into florets
- ¼ cup heavy cream

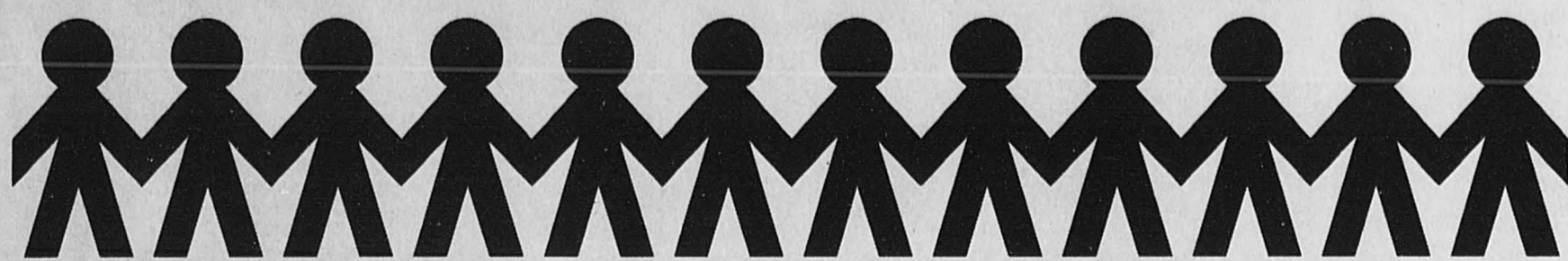
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme

Heat oil in a heavy pot; add pancetta. Cook for 6 minutes, or until it renders most of its fat, browning lightly. Transfer pancetta to paper towels. Keep the fat in the pot.

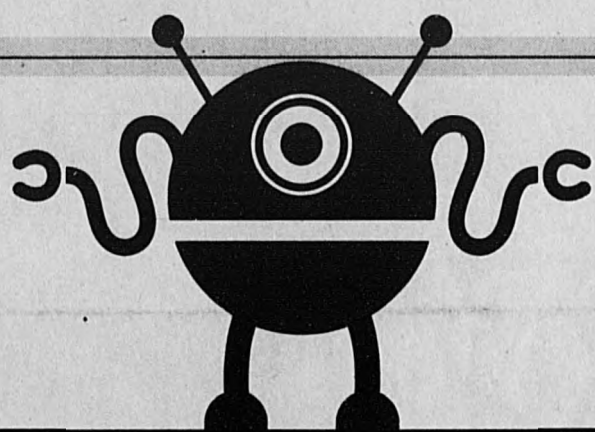
Add the onion and carrots to the pot; season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring, for 6 minutes until tender and translucent. Add stock and cauliflower; bring to a boil. Lower heat to a simmer and cover. Bubble gently for 15 minutes, until the cauliflower is tender. Cool slightly.

Stir in cream, vinegar, thyme, and pepper. Puree soup in a blender or processor until smooth; return to the pan, warming just to a boil. Taste for seasoning. Sprinkle pancetta over the top.

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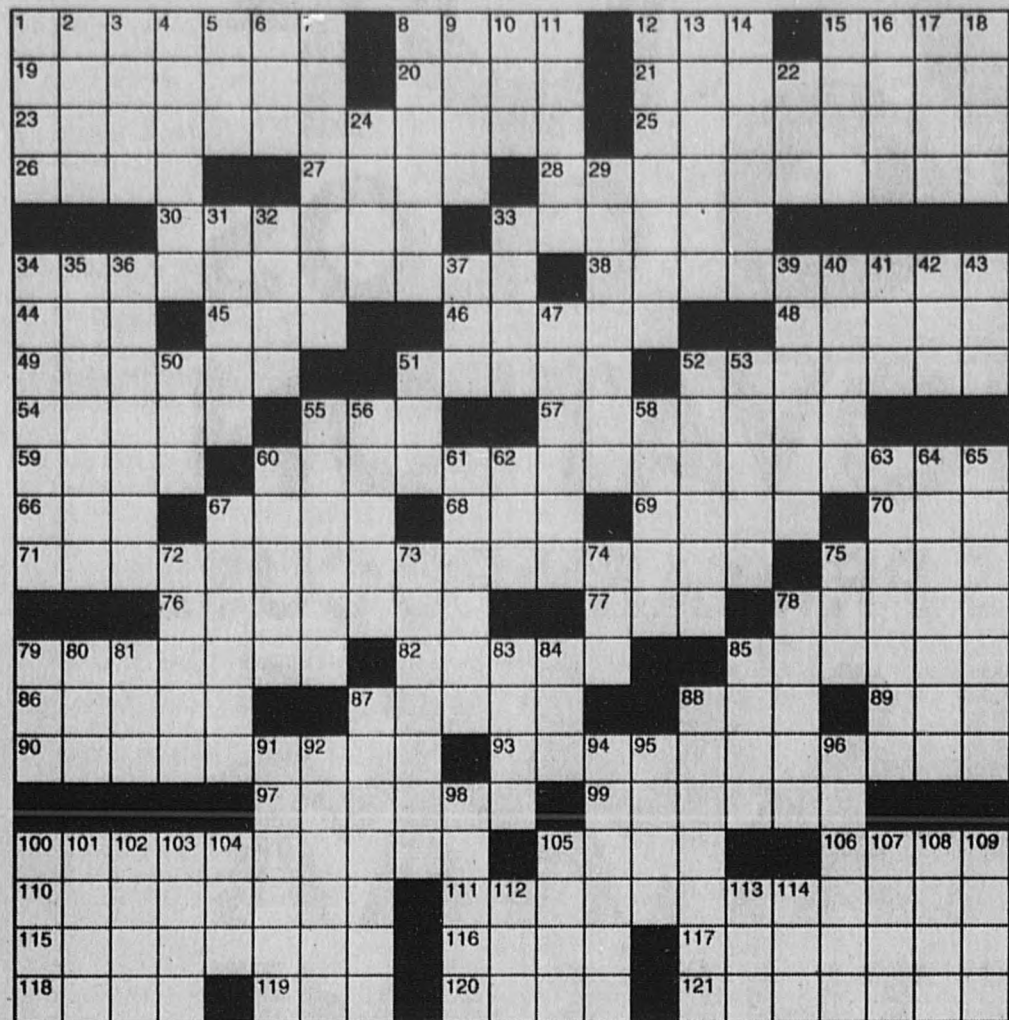
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ACROSS

1 Empress of old Russia
8 Unwakeful state
12 Part of BYO
15 Political coalition
19 Choose for jury duty
20 Lang, spoken in Milan
21 1959 John Wayne film
23 What a maestro studies
25 Christian, for one
26 Braggarts have inflated ones
27 Student transcript nos.
28 Penitentiary division
30 Laid eyes on
33 What "My Bonnie lies over"
34 Home for a pet rodent
38 Fort Knox feature
44 Meyers of "Think Big"
45 Wiggly swimmer

DOWN

46 "Now — be told"
48 Having much land
49 Crop lopper
51 Mournful ring
52 Groups of wharf-supporting beams
54 Taj —
55 Relaxing facility
57 Sci-fi writer Harlan
59 "— just 'wondering'"
60 Mark of a sergeant, e.g.
66 "The Hanoi Hilton" locale
67 White cheese
68 A mean Amin
69 Track beams
70 Discontinue
71 Its students tumble
75 "— grown apart"
76 Represented
77 Wayfarer's refuge
78 Try to win at eBay, say
79 First, in terms of transmission
82 Holland bloom

DOWN

1 Clock datum
2 Overproud
3 Lhasa — (dog breed)
4 Boosts
5 Business mag
6 Teachers' union: Abbr.
7 Allowing only female students
8 Loud insect
9 Western Amerinds
10 Tamish
11 Initial Hebrew letter
12 Singer Roy
13 Nobelism Elie
14 Like some mutual funds
15 Make coffee
16 Molten rock
17 See 91-Down
18 Strong rope
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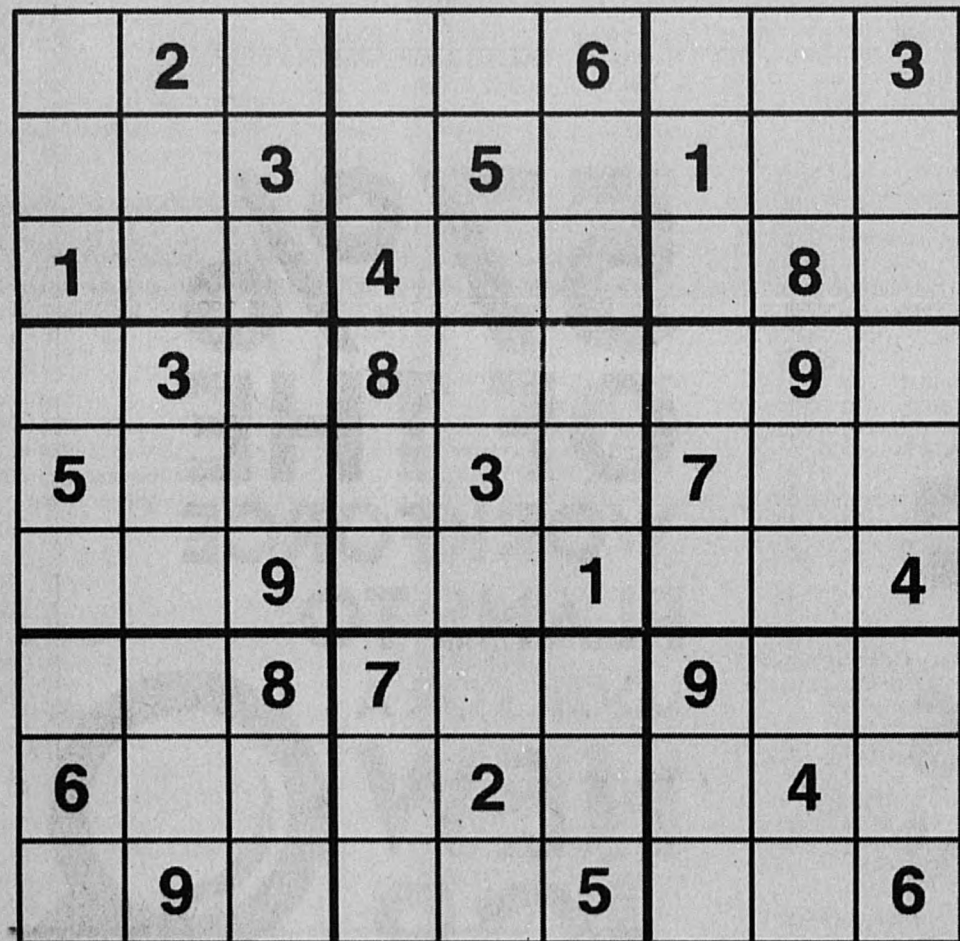
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36 She's a soccer star
37 Gibson liquor
39 Philip VI's house
40 Serving perfectly
41 Vase variety
42 Piano part
43 NFL goals
47 Bishop, e.g.
50 Fathers
51 China's Chiang — shek
52 Rack-and — steering
53 Hoops Hall of Famer Dan
55 Parents' hiree
56 Kilt pattern
58 Arrived at by chance
60 Hostess
61 Kleenex, say
62 Some inserts
63 Really must
64 Called upon
65 Nucleic acid base
67 Showing, as a card
72 Actor Conrad
73 Dandelion lookalike
74 Tuned in
75 Cleverness
78 Davis of film

DOWN

79 Ené or Supérieur
80 Lyrical work
81 "Stand by Me" actor
83 SoCal squad
84 It's S. of Lab.
85 Athletic type
87 Dismount
88 Artist Marcel
91 With 17-Down, discusses at length
92 Weasels' kir
94 Fell in line
95 Menu listing
96 Grouchy
98 Food carton abbr.
100 Singer Irene
101 Electrified
102 "54" co-star
103 Platform for a lecture
104 Canadian cable channel for children
105 Piddling
107 Like giants
108 Bark source
109 Mgr.'s aide
112 Garden tool
113 Actor Kilmer
114 Epoch

Sudoku



Level: Hoo Boy!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Arrester Handcuffs Muzzle Tie down
Chain Hobble Shackle

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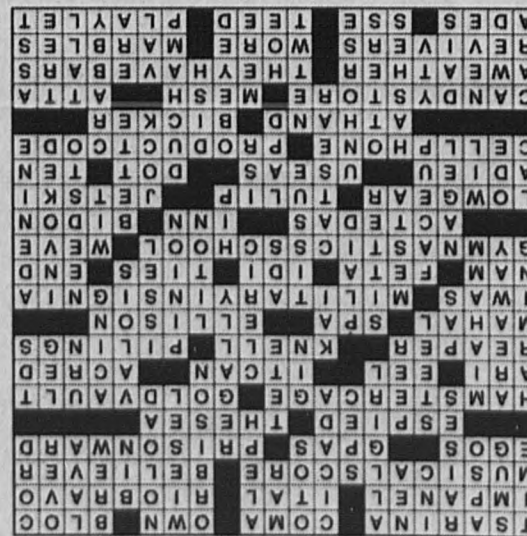
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make your holiday preparations one step at a time in order to avoid being overwhelmed and leaving things undone. That confusing family situation continues to work itself out.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Ease this year's holiday money pressures by letting your thrifty side guide you as you look for those perfect gifts that typically reflect your good taste and love of beauty.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll have a good handle on potential holiday problems if you delegate tasks to family members, friends or co-workers — most of whom will be more than happy to help out.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Right now you are especially vulnerable to holiday scams that seek to take advantage of your generosity. Best advice: Check them out before you send out your checks.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) The upcoming holiday season gives

the Big Cat much to purr about. Relationships grow stronger, and new opportunities loom on the horizon, just waiting to be pounced on.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A changing situation brings conflicting advice about how to go forward with your holiday plans. Your best bet: Make the decision you feel most comfortable with.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Holiday plans get back on track after some confusion about the direction you expected to take. A potentially troublesome money matter needs your immediate attention.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your holiday preparations are on track. But you need to confront a personal situation while you can still keep it from overwhelming everything else.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Tight financial matters ease a bit during this holiday season. But the sagacious Sagit-

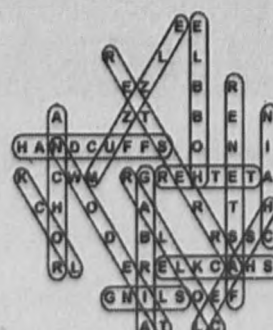
tarian is well-advised to keep a tight hold on the reins while shopping for gifts.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't put off making decisions about this year's holiday celebrations, despite the negative comments you've been getting from several quarters. Do it NOW!
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The holidays will bring new friends and new opportunities. Meanwhile, be careful to use your energy wisely as you go about making holiday preparations.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) There's good news coming from a most unlikely source. And it could turn out to be one of the best holiday gifts you have had in years. Remember to stay positive.
BORN THIS WEEK: You are respected for your honesty and loyalty. You make friends slowly — but with rare exceptions, they're in your life forever.

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SOLUTIONS



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Five in the Chamber performs at Blue Moon Coffeehouse

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13.
WHERE: the Blue Moon Coffeehouse, 45 Webster St., Rockland.
INFO: The Connecticut bluegrass band, plays rollicking bluegrass and old-time string band with a rocking edge. Check them out at <https://www.facebook.com/fiveinthechamber>. Between sets there will be an open mike. Tickets are \$8 at the door; children 12 and under are free. www.thebluemooncoffeehouse.com

SATURDAY, DEC. 13

Scituate Elementary Holiday Expo in the Community Center (Pier 44) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring over 20 craft vendors, 50.50 raffia, The Great Cape Baking Co. Apple Cider Donuts. For the Kids: Rick's Face Painting & Balloon making, write a letter to Santa mail it in the mailbox. Listen to the Town Wide Girl Scouts caroling. Design your own Santa Hat.

Breakfast With Santa, sponsored by the Hanover Woman's Club, Juniors from 9 to 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center, 392 Hanover St. (Rte. 139) Hanover. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$5 for children or \$2 for each child that donates a new toy. Children under 2 are admitted free. Admission includes breakfast for all, holiday crafts, face painting and our famous "Cake Walk" for the children. Breakfast includes Coffee/tea, Juice, Bagels, donuts and muffins. There will be a Santa's workshop table where all items will be sold for \$1 and under including free gift wrapping.

Santa visits The Christmas House at the Daniel Webster Estate, 238 Webster St., Marshfield from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring the family and especially the children. Remember their Christmas Wish Lists and a camera. Enjoy a special chat and photo time with Santa in this historic mansion. www.danielwebsterestate.org

Cookie Walk from 10 a.m. to sellout at First Parish Norwell Parish Hall, 24 River St. Norwell. 781-659-7122. Handicapped accessible.

The 10th annual Victorian Christmas Designer Show House at the Daniel Webster Estate, 238 Webster St. in Marshfield 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 1880 Queen Anne-style Victorian mansion has been transformed into a Christmas Show House by decorators and floral designers. The 15 rooms are all new and totally different every year. This year's theme is "Holly, Ivy and Mistletoe." Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$8 seniors and are available at the door. www.danielwebsterestate.org.

Free Art Appraisal from 1 to 4 p.m. at Faming Concepts & Fine Art Gallery, 105 South St. Hingham. Bring art and other valuable objects to professional Appraiser Edward Stanley and discover the value of your piece. 781-740-9424.

The Nutcracker ballet will be performed at 1 and 6 p.m. today and tomorrow, at the Derby Academy Auditorium, 56 Burditt Ave., Hingham, by South Shore Ballet Theatre. Tickets are on sale at tututix.com. More than 75 dancers will perform www.southshoreballettheatre.com.

The Polar Express screening at First Congregational Church, 12 Elm St., Braintree, at 5:30 p.m. All passengers will enjoy hot cocoa, cookies, and a visit from Santa. Passengers are encouraged to wear pajamas. Tickets are \$3 and a food pantry donation.

The Night Before Christmas Eve presented by the Scituate Recreation Department and Scituate Play House at 5 p.m. Starring actors in grades K to 2.

Buttonwood Books and Toys welcomes Mamasteph, children's author Paul Czajak, Santa Claus, Alexander Macmillan and Stephen Dempsey at Buttonwood, Shaw's Plaza, Cohasset. Mamasteph begins the day with holiday songs and music at 9:30 a.m. Paul Czajak reads and signs his book, "Monster Needs A Christmas Tree" beginning at 10:30 a.m. and Santa arrives at 11 a.m. Adult authors Stephen Dempsey and Alexander Macmillan will sign their book, "Hingham Through Time" from 2 to 4 p.m. 781-383-2665.

Christmas at King Caesar House tour, at the house at 120 King Caesar Road in Duxbury. Teams of volunteer designers have adorned the 1809 mansion with elaborate holiday decoration, ornament and trim in the theme of "Duxbury Ships, Home for the Holidays." Public tours from noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 13 and 14 (\$10 per adult, \$5 per student and senior, children under 6 admitted free); pre-booked group tours Dec. 15-17. Visit www.duxburyhistory.org for more information or call 781-934-6106 to arrange for a group tour.

The Christmas House will be presented by Plymouth Community Theatre Dec. 12-14, at The Spire Center for Performing Arts, 25 1/2 Court St., Plymouth. Showtimes are 4 and 8 p.m. Dec. 13; and 4 p.m. Dec. 14. Tickets are \$20 for all shows and \$18 for students and seniors. Seating is general admission; first-come, first-served. Tickets are available in advance online at www.plymouthcommunitytheatre.net and will also be available at the door, 30 minutes prior to the performance. Full information at www.plymouthcommunitytheatre.net.

Holiday Pops, presented by the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra and conductor Steven Karidoyanes at 3 and 8 p.m. at Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth. This holiday tradition for South Shore families features a festive program featuring a wide variety of seasonal favorites. Tickets are now on sale. Memorial Hall is fully accessible. Individual ticket prices range from \$20 to \$65. Senior, youth and group discounts are offered. Student "rush" tickets for \$5 each will be sold at the door one hour before performance, as available. Advance tickets can be purchased online by visiting plymouthphil.org or calling the Phil office at 508-746-8008.

A Christmas Carol, the Massasoit Theatre Company will present a musical version of the novel by Charles Dickens, Dec. 12-14, at the Community Theatre at The Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, One Massasoit Blvd. (off Route 27), Brockton. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8 p.m. and Sunday show is at 3 p.m. See www.massasoit.mass.edu/buckley/shows.cfm for details. For tickets, call 508-427-1234.

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The Vikings at The Snug, 116 North St., Hingham, 9:30 p.m. 781-749-9774. www.thesnugpub.com.

Irish Seisiun at Lucio's Pub at 6 Spring Lane in Plymouth, 5:30 p.m. Free.

Possession at The Great Chow, 497 Bedford St., Route 18, Abington, 781-871-8832. www.great-chow.com.

Voodoo Hifi at Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-340-1300.

State I'm In at British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, 781-829-6999. www.britishbeer.com.

Cheap Voova's holiday extravaganza at the British Beer Company, 2294 State Road, Cedarville, 508-888-9756. www.britishbeer.com.

SUNDAY, DEC. 14

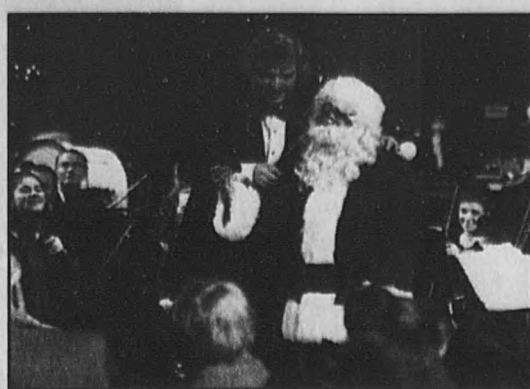
Breakfast with Santa at the monthly breakfast offered by the members of Phoenix Masonic Lodge, 133 Broadway, Hanover Four

Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra annual Holiday Pops concert

WHEN: 3 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13. 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14.

WHERE: Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth.

INFO: Memorial Hall is fully accessible. Individual ticket prices range from \$20 to \$65. Limited cabaret-style table seating is still available for \$65 per ticket. Senior, youth and group discounts are offered. Student "rush" tickets for \$5 each will be sold at the door one hour before performance, as available. Advance tickets can be purchased online by visiting plymouthphil.org or calling the Phil office at 508-746-8008.



Corners served from 8 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$7 adult, \$4 children under 12. Breakfast consists of eggs (cooked to order), sausages, bacon, hash, home fries, toast, pancakes, French toast, juice, coffee and tea. Funds raised from the breakfast are used to support Phoenix charities.

The 10th annual Victorian Christmas Designer Show House at the Daniel Webster Estate, 238 Webster St. in Marshfield 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 1880 Queen Anne-style Victorian mansion has been transformed into a Christmas Show House by decorators and floral designers. The 15 rooms are all new and totally different every year. This year's theme is "Holly, Ivy and Mistletoe." Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$8 seniors and are available at the door. www.danielwebsterestate.org.

The Unicorn Singers and the Broad Cove Chorale will mark the 100th anniversary of the Christmas Truce of World War I, which took place in Flanders on Christmas Eve of 1914. A narrated concert, All I Calm All is Bright, will be performed at 4 p.m. at First Parish Unitarian on the Cohasset Green. Tickets are \$20 and available from Kathy Reardon at 781-749-0162 or by e-mailing kreardon111@comcast.net. Concert will benefit Wellspring's Diane Edsen Fund.

The Nutcracker ballet will be performed at 1 and 6 p.m. by South Shore Ballet Theatre at the Derby Academy Auditorium, 56 Burditt Ave., Hingham. Tickets are on sale at tututix.com. More than 75 dancers will perform. www.southshoreballettheatre.com.

The Nutcracker, presented by Dance Unlimited of Hanover at 2 p.m. in the Robert Nyman auditorium of Hanover High School. Tickets are \$15. Go to tututix.com/danceunlimitedofhanover to order. Call 781-871-4264 or email danceunl197@aol.com for more information.

The Voices of Christmas. Sing traditional carols and hear some of the finest contemporary Christian songs celebrating the events of 2000 years ago at 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 594 Washington St., Braintree. Admission is free. Refreshments served.

Holiday Pops, presented by the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra and conductor Steven Karidoyanes, 3 p.m. at Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth. Tickets are now on sale. Memorial Hall is fully accessible. Individual ticket prices range from \$20 to \$65. Senior, youth and group discounts are offered. Student "rush" tickets for \$5 each will be sold at the door one hour before performance, as available. Advance tickets can be purchased online by visiting plymouthphil.org or calling the Phil office at 508-746-8008.

A Christmas Carol, the Massasoit Theatre Company will present a musical version of the novel by Charles Dickens, at 3 p.m. at the Community Theatre at The Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, One Massasoit Blvd. (off Route 27), Brockton. See www.massasoit.mass.edu/buckley/shows.cfm for details. For tickets, call 508-427-1234.

South Shore Conservatory's Conservatory Concert Series (CCS) will present "Joyful Voices" at 4 p.m. at One Conservatory Drive, Hingham. Free admission. "Joyful Voices" features SSC's voice faculty singing old and new songs of the season. Following the performance, enjoy holiday refreshments. www.sscmusic.org.

South Shore Men of Harmony, a 20-man a capella chorus singing in the barbershop harmony style, will perform a free concert of Christmas and seasonal music at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham at 3 p.m.

Splash of Blues Jam from 4 to 8 p.m. at Players Sports Bar & Grille, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland. 781-681-9999. southshoresportsbar.com.

MONDAY, DEC. 15

The Abington Garden Club meets at the United Church of Christ, Rte. 18, Abington at noon. A luncheon will be served by Judy Belcher and her staff. After the luncheon, Co-Presidents Linda Masabny and Ann Colby will lead the group in a Holiday Workshop in which they will make Christmas centerpieces.

New Beginnings Singles Support Group, Inc. for newly widowed, separated or divorced adults, meets on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at The Cushing School's Knights of Columbus Culinary Arts Center, 391 Washington St., Hanover, NB is a singles support organization dedicated to healing, growing and learning; not a dating service. Information: visit <http://nbnorwell.org/>, email at info@nbnorwell.org or call 781-499-2659.

Irish Seisiun every Monday at 5:30 p.m. at The Snug, 116 North St., Hingham, 781-749-9774. www.thesnugpub.com.

TUESDAY, DEC. 16

Ballroom Dancing every Tuesday from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at The Viking Club, 410 Quincy Avenue, Route 53, Braintree. Live bands every week. Singles and couples welcomed. Admission is \$10. Information: 781-784-2678 or 781-335-3171.

South Shore Men of Harmony rehearse every Tuesday at Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., Hingham, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. 781-337-SING (7464). Information: 781-337-7464.

Open mike with Jackson Wetherbee every Tuesday at The Tinker's Son, 707 Main St., Norwell, thetinkerson.com, 781-561-7361.

Jazz at Martini's, Tuesdays from 7 to 10 p.m. at Martini's, 50 Court St., Plymouth, featuring the Kenny Wenzel jazz group. 774-773-9782. www.martinisplymouth.com.

Poker Night, Texas Hold Em at 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. at Players Sports Bar & Grille, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland, 781-681-9999. southshoresportsbar.com.

Dave Foley performs at the British Beer Company, 6 Middle St., Plymouth, 508-747-1776. www.britishbeer.com.

Wicked Trivia with Pat Lally, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, 781-829-6999.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17

Mammal Munchkins program every Wednesday through March 25, from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. No class Dec. 24, 31, Feb. 18. Join the South Shore Natural Science Center and hop like a rabbit, trot like a fox, and waddle like a skunk in this weekly program for children ages 1.5 to 3.5 years, accompanied by a caregiver. Learn about mammals and their forest friends through games, music, creative movement, crafts and free play. Space is limited. Fees: \$6 full member / \$9 non-member per week.

Country Night every Wednesday night at Players Sports Bar & Grille, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland. Line dance lessons from 7 to 9 p.m. 781-681-9999. southshoresportsbar.com.

SSC's 'Joyful Voices' features faculty members with songs of the season

WHEN: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14.

WHERE: South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham.

INFO: Free admission. Performers include Emily Browder Melville, Meredith Borden, Sara Bielanski, Kristy Errera-Solomon, Mark Leuning, Beth MacLeod Largent, Maria Veronica Marini, Holly Marshall, Eve Montague and Lorna Jane Norris. Accompanied by pianist Jonathan Roberts, percussionist Ed Sorrentino, bassist Chris Rathbun and saxophonist John Vanderpool. Following the performance, enjoy holiday refreshments, and visit with the musicians. www.sscmusic.org.



THURSDAY, DEC. 18

Dr. Katie McBrine, presented by the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham, at 7:30 p.m. McBrine will be presenting the third topic in her series "Dialogues with the Doctor": "ADHD: Focusing on Diagnosis." Learn about common symptoms to monitor for and current evaluation of it. The format for the evening is a power point presentation followed by a questions and answer segment. Call the children's department at 781-741-1405, ext. 1403 for more information.

Johnny Bluehorn Moriconi with the Willie J Laws Band followed by open mike with Willie J Laws Jr. Jammers invited and welcome. Free pizza at Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-340-1300.

DJ Gally at Players Sports Bar & Grille, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland, 781-681-9999. southshoresportsbar.com.

Mark Darling and Erin Davenport host Open Mike Night every Thursday at Wildflower Café & Tavern, 8 Chestnut St., Duxbury. 781-934-7814. www.wildflowercafe.us/

Mark T. Small performs at 7 p.m. every Thursday at New World Tavern, 56 Main St., Plymouth, 508-927-4250.

Mark Purcell performs at the British Beer Company, 6 Middle St., Plymouth, 508-747-1776. www.britishbeer.com.

Steve Mazzetta and Kenny Isaacs at the British Beer Company, 2294 State Road, Cedarville, 508-888-9756. www.britishbeer.com.

Jim Devlin at British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

FRIDAY, DEC. 19

Pilgrim Festival Chorus (PFC) will present its fifth annual "Celebrate! - Messiah and Carol Sing-along" at 7:30 p.m., at the Church of the Pilgrimage, 8 Town Square, Plymouth. PFC director William B. Richter will lead the audience in both carols and the familiar choruses from Part I of Handel's masterpiece, concluding with the Hallelujah Chorus. Solos selected from Part I will be sung by local vocalists. PFC accompanist and assistant director Elizabeth Chapman Reilly will play the organ. Tickets are \$10 at the door for those 12 and older. Scores will be available to borrow, or take your own. Funds raised from this event support the PFC's yearly operating expenses. For more information, visit www.pilgrimfestivalchorus.org, or follow Pilgrim Festival Chorus on Facebook.

Splash Duo at The Great Chow, 497 Bedford St., Route 18, Abington, 781-871-8832. www.great-chow.com.

Tattoo Cowboy at Players Sports Bar & Grille, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland. 781-681-9999. southshoresportsbar.com.

Diving Ducks at Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-340-1300.

Dan Gallagher and Conor Smith at The Snug, 116 North St., Hingham, 9:30 p.m. 781-749-9774. www.thesnugpub.com.

The Sleepers at British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, 781-829-6999. www.britishbeer.com.

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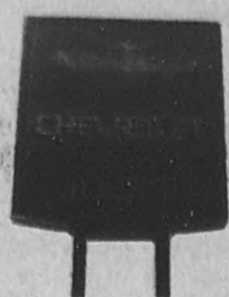
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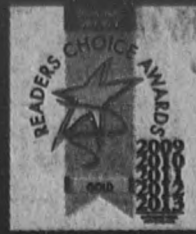
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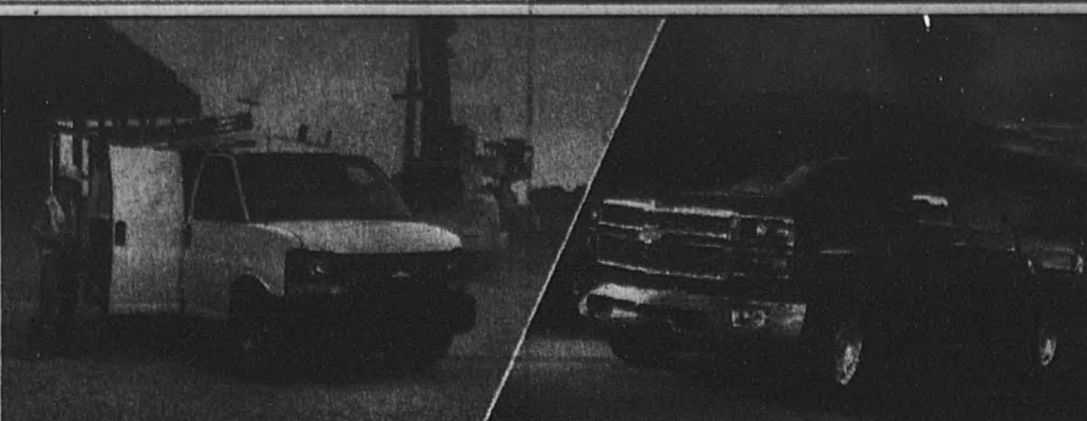


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